

VOICE OF TRINITY

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With December 1 comes the first Sunday of the Church season of Advent. With this beginning of a new Church year also comes what I am calling a “Season of Safety.” Of course, every season calls for safe church environments. The Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ECCT) has a goal of ensuring that all parishes provide spaces and events as safe as possible for all concerned. To this end, for the past decade and more, the ECCT has developed, shared and required training in Safe Church practices for clergy and lay persons involved in the life of the Church.

From Fr. Norman



As your Interim Priest I am calling the coming months a Season of Safety to highlight the need for many Trinity members to experience a new set of training sessions aimed to educate us further in the ways to create greater safety for our children, vulnerable adults, LGBTQ neighbors and members of minority groups. I just finished a set of four such sessions, as well as an all-day teaching event to earn my own Safe Church certification.

Fran Times-Mack, our staff member responsible for human resources, will work with me and the Wardens to identify Trinity members who will need to be certified. She will help us keep track of our progress toward the goal of certifying all who take part in these important ministries. This list includes all paid staff, as well as those who participate in the Vestry, as Church School leaders, Altar Guild, Eucharistic Visitors, and other activities as well. In most cases, even if you have had Safe Church training in the past, if your involvement at Trinity falls into any of the categories above, you will need to do the training required for your role under the ECCT policy. Similar training in other settings such as schools, hospitals or various workplaces does not meet the requirement. Given the sacred nature of much of church work, our issues need to be addressed directly. Everyone must renew the certification every three years. In some cases, background checks will be required.

Much of the training can be done online. Some sessions require in-person events. As there are a significant number of Trinity folks who will require certification, I hope we can have at least some of those real-time programs at the church in the new year.

Meeting these requirements will mean a sacrifice of time and effort on the part of those involved. I am confident that those efforts are worth it. The ECCT staff who have prepared these materials and who do the in-person teaching have worked hard to ground the work in scripture, Episcopal tradition and the important learning now available about how to we “can seek and serve Christ in all persons,” as we each promise to through our Baptismal Covenant.

Many blessings.

The Rev. Norman MacLeod

Coming Up in the Adult Forum

Here's the Adult Forum schedule, as currently known, for December and January. Watch the Sunday bulletin for announcements of additional sessions.

December 8 – American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

John Lent, Executive Director of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, will be our forum leader, and will also preach at the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. (See Page 8)

December 15 – Art and the Nativity

Come look at beautiful art depicting the story of the Nativity and consider the message it has for us. Father Norman will lead this forum.

December 22 – No forum; Greening of the Church (See Page 7)

January 12 – “The Mighty Holtkamp”

Jack Merrill, our Director of Music Ministries, will provide an explanation and a demonstration of the features of Trinity's primary organ.

January 26 – North Central Region Update

Joining us to lead this forum session will be the Rev. Erin Flinn, the Region Missionary for our portion of the state, the North Central Region. She will also be the preacher for the services on January 26.



A Taste of Trinity: Recipes from Around the World

Trinity's long-awaited cookbook is now on sale! It is chock-full of great recipes representing the many parts of the world and the U.S. from which our parishioners come. With recipes for experienced cooks and newbies alike, *A Taste of Trinity* would make a great Christmas gift.

You may buy a cookbook from Anne Rapkin or Percy Williamson after Sunday 10:00 worship, or e-mail or call Anne (a.rapkin@snet.net, 860-521-5992) to reserve a cookbook to pick up at the church.

Price: \$15, or \$12 each for three copies. Please pay on making your order, by cash, check, or money order.

Remember that all proceeds will support Kateri Medical Services, which works in Nigerian communities that otherwise would have no access to even the most basic medical care. Your purchase of a cookbook is a wonderful way of contributing to this life-saving work.

Stewardship Ingathering On November 24

The 2020 Stewardship Program at Trinity has now concluded, and we need your pledge card! We cannot shine our light without your contribution. We hope that you have prayerfully considered the important role you play in the life of Trinity Church and have considered increasing your pledge this year.



Additional pledge cards are available in Goodwin Hall and in the back of the Sanctuary.

“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.**”

November 24 Evensong Canceled

The service of Evensong scheduled for the Feast of Christ the King, November 24, will not take place. Our next Evensong will be offered by The Choir School of Hartford at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 3. There will be no first Tuesday Evensong in January.



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Christmastide Services

December 24 – Christmas Eve

- 4:45 p.m. Musical prelude
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Pageant and Holy Eucharist suitable for children of all ages and their families, with hymns and carols
- 9:30 p.m. A performance of Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* by The Choir School of Hartford, with harp
A Ceremony of Carols is a Christmas work for treble voices and harp with texts taken from Middle English carols. Our harpist will be Susan Knapp Thomas, principal harp for the Hartford Symphony.
- 10:00 p.m. Festival Eucharist of Christmas with the Trinity Choir, The Choir School of Hartford, organ and brass

December 25 – Christmas Day

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with sermon and carols

December 29 – The First Sunday after Christmas

- 9:30 a.m. Congregational Lessons and Carols
(One service only this day)

There will be no childcare for the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services. Childcare will be available for the 9:30 a.m. service on December 29.



The parish office will be closed from December 25 through January 1, reopening on Thursday, January 2. On the days the office is closed, the buildings will otherwise be open for scheduled meetings and activities. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call the office number (860-527-8133) and press 1 for the emergency clergy mailbox.

The office will also be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

Cycle of Prayer for December and January

December 1

Bill & Lynette Lawrence
Jose Leano & Zaida Martinez
Marcia A. & Dwight Lee,
and Marcia C. Lee

December 8

Shannon Lee and Sheldon &
Riley Sutton
Kate Lindsay
Lou Loomis

December 15

Adair Lummis
Mark & Linda MacGougan
Maria Maldonado

December 22

Susanne Mantel
Fred Margeson
Maung Oo, Ma Aye,
Paw Say Wah, Tro Moo
& John Aye Moo

December 29

Roy McAlpine & Emily Estes
Antoinette McCrary
Marsha McCurdy Adell &
Zoe and Morgan Adell

January 5

Ray McFarland
Richard McMenamy
Merle Melhado

January 12

Jack & Allison Merrill
Hyacinth Miller
Judy Miller

January 19

Marc & Lily Miller
Carmen Modeste & Celine Stephens
Clement, Ifeoma, Jane, Olivia,
Krista, Austin & Franklin Mogor

January 26

Elizabeth Moore
Margaret Moore
Boo Morton & Suzanne Blancaflor

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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

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Compline in Advent

Compline is the last of the four services in the Anglican Daily Office. It is descended from the night prayer said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. It is a simple office which includes a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from Scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects asking for God's protection during the night, and the canticle *Nunc dimittis*. A hymn for the evening follows the short Scripture passage.

Compline will be sung at Trinity in the church at 8:00 p.m. all four Sundays of Advent (December 1, 8, 15 and 22). Join us for this prayerful and reflective devotion. All are welcome. Enter through the Sigourney Street doors, which will open at 7:50.

Sanctuary Stitchers Gathering December 7

The Sanctuary Stitchers, Trinity's prayer shawl ministry group, will hold its final fall gathering on Saturday, December 7, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Library. We meet for prayer, fellowship and knitting, crocheting or other portable crafting. The group creates prayer shawls, lap robes and baby blankets, and is once again 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 join us if you can, whether or not you have yet!

– Penny Pearson
for the Parish Care Ministries

Share Your Nativity Set!

One of our dearest traditions in the Advent season is the display of manger scenes on the windowsills of the nave at Trinity.

Everyone is invited to bring in a crèche – homemade or store-bought, a family treasure, a memento of a pilgrimage to other lands, or just a piece that you would like to share. Manger scenes can be brought to the church starting on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, or any time thereafter through Christmas Eve. Crèches will be returned to their owners on the Sunday after the Epiphany, January 12, 2020.

(If you would like to donate your crèche as a permanent gift to the church, we will be very happy to store it at Trinity until next Advent.)

Women's Chorale To Offer "Holidays in Rhythm"

The West Hartford Women's Chorale will present its 2019 winter concert, "*Holidays in Rhythm*," at Trinity Church on Friday, December 13, beginning at 7:30 pm. The program, which promises "challenging rhythms and surprising arrangements," will be highlighted by a performance of the *Nidaros Jazz Mass* by modern British composer Bob Chilcott, a work originally written for the Nidaros Cathedral Girls' Choir of Trondheim, Norway.

Tickets for this event will be available at the door on the night of the performance for \$10.00.



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

December

Tess Eckhardt	1
Marcia C. Lee	1
Margaret Rousseau	3
Justin White	3
Marcia A. Lee	6
Dwight Lee	7
Ron Gripp	8
Asker Downer	9
Antoinette Ledgister	9
Joe Troiano	13
Deborah Williams	13
Jonathan Ude	14
Jerrold Cammock	14
Janice Rawlins Faulkner	14
Anne Rapkin	15
Jim Register	15
Helena Haddad	15
Max Eckhardt	15
Georges Annan-Kingsley	15
Linda Eckert	17
Emmanuela Igboanugo	18
Nancy Whitcomb	19
Levi White	20
David Weaver	20
Kachi Onoh	23
Kaylee Troiano	23
Paw Say Wah	24
Andrew Rose	24
Nicholas Thomas	25
Amity Gaige	26
Emma Cheyney	29
Jonathan Garcia	29
Dianne Bowens-Waller	31

January

Ma Aye	1
Ifeoma Mogor	1
Sandi Cone	3
Stephen Zhitnik	5
Connie Bain	5
Beryl Tomlinson	7
Jordan Thomas	8
Emily Bohlen	9
Dorcas Blanchard	10
Ramona Knight	14
Valerie Pogue	15
George Chien	16
Ned Miller	16
Percy Williamson	16
Jorja Henderson	19
Steven Ross	19
Betty Anne Cox	20
Drew Smith	20
Jordan Bernard	21
Zechariah Stephens-Walker	21
Adrian Dilone	22
Peter Rice	24
Yasmeen Ross	26
David Weaver	26
Ernestine Weaver	27
Josiah Texidor	28
Jonelle Eugene	29
Susan Post	30
Benjamin Wyatt	30

Outreach at Trinity



Next Date for Church by the Pond: December 21

Trinity's next opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches for those in need is **Saturday, December 21**. This is part of Trinity's ongoing commitment to community service, and is one of the "Church Street Eats" programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral. Trinity is one of many area churches who participate.

December is a special time for this ministry, as in addition to lunches, we provide gift bags with items for the cold weather. Members of the Sanctuary Stitchers, Trinity's Prayer Shawl ministry, are making hats and scarves for our guests – and we would gratefully receive additional handmade items from any of you who would enjoy making them!

Volunteers are needed both for the preparation time at Trinity, and especially to come to Bushnell Park to be with our guests. Beginning at 12:30, we'll assemble gift bags in Goodwin Hall, while we prepare bag lunches in the kitchen and the library. At 1:45 we'll bring the lunches and gifts to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the Eucharist service by the pond at 2:00, led by Father Norman. We'll distribute our lunches and

gifts following the Eucharist, and should finish by 3:15. Come for as much of this time as you can – friends and family welcome!

– Penny Pearson
for the Outreach Ministry Team

Be a Giving Tree Elf!

Don't forget – our 2019 Giving Tree project begins on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1. Tags hanging on the tree will list holiday wishes from the students of Trinity Academy, as well as children whose names are given to us by Covenant to Care.

If you'd like to participate, choose a tag from the tree listing a child's special wish. Fill in your name on the top portion of the tag and leave it in the basket provided; keep the other half, which lists the child's name, age, gender, and holiday wish. Purchase the wished-for item, then place your wrapped gift (with the tag attached to indicate which child it's for) under the tree by Sunday, December 15, so it can be delivered in time for the holidays.

This year's Giving Tree project is being run in memory of Don Cook, who did a great job of shepherding this project for many years, and who sadly died suddenly earlier this month.

Volunteer for Footwear with Care's Boot Party on December 7

The North Central Region of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut will be helping with the Footwear With Care's Boot Party to be held on Saturday, December 7, at the UCONN Hartford Campus, located at 10 Prospect Street in Hartford (near the Wadsworth Atheneum).

Member parishes of the region have been asked to provide specific items and volunteer time assisting an estimated 500 homeless and disenfranchised people in the Greater Hartford area with footwear and foot care.

Some of you may remember when this event began some years ago with Deacon Bonnie Matthews and Christ Church Cathedral organizing to meet the footcare needs of fewer than 100 people. Trinity has supported this event from the beginning with materials and volunteers.

This year our Outreach Ministry will provide the requested personal care items, but volunteers are still needed for the day of the event. The entire event is from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; you may volunteer for that whole time or for a two-hour slot from 9-11 or 11-1. No experience is necessary. Everyone wishing to help will be trained.

Contact Deacon Bonnie at bmatthews228@comcast.net if you have questions or would like to sign up to serve on December 7.

– Penny Pearson
for the Outreach Ministry Team

Vestry Designates Holiday Special Offerings

The Vestry has designated Foodshare as the recipient of our Thanksgiving offering for 2019. The largest anti-hunger organization in the Greater Hartford area, Foodshare connects surplus food to our Hartford and Tolland county neighbors who are struggling with hunger through a network of 300 food pantries, meal programs, and Mobile Foodshare sites.

Our Christmas offering will go to support the work of Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services, a non-sectarian, independent

nonprofit refugee resettlement agency, which began its work in 1982 as the Diocesan Refugee Services Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. Since that time, it has welcomed over 5,000 refugees to Connecticut.

Envelopes for the Thanksgiving and Christmas special offerings are included in your 2019 box of offering envelopes. You may also mail your check to the parish office; please include a note in the memo space indicating that it's meant for the Thanksgiving or Christmas offering.

Greening of the Church Set For December 22

This year's "greening of the church" will take place after the 10:00 a.m. service on December 22. You're invited to help with this festive project beginning right after the service, when, our Advent services ended, it's time to deck the church in its Christmas finery.

It takes many willing hands to decorate our beautiful worship space for Christmastide; plan to be on hand to help with this enjoyable task. Members of our altar and flower guilds will be available to show you what to do.

Christmas Memorials



If you would like to contribute to the 2019 Christmas flowers and music in memory of a friend or family member, please fill out the form below and send it to the parish office, along with your check, by Wednesday, December 18. Checks, which may be for any amount, should be made payable to Trinity Church and earmarked "Christmas Memorials." Names of those in whose memory contributions have been made will be listed in the Christmas bulletins.



TRINITY CHURCH CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS - 2019

I enclose a check for \$ _____ for the Trinity Church Christmas flowers and music in memory of:

(Please print)

Contributed by: Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Designate my contribution for (check one): Flowers Music 50/50 Flowers & Music

**AFEDJ Director To Preach
December 8;
Holy Land Giving Tree
To Support Ahli Hospital**

On December 8, the Second Sunday of Advent, John Lent, Executive Director of American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, will be at Trinity to preach and lead the Adult Forum. He will share with us his recent trip to the Holy Land and tell us about the institutions that AFEDJ supports. One of these institutions, the Ahli Hospital in Gaza, will again be the recipient of our efforts for the Holy Land Giving Tree. On December 1, 8 and 15 make a donation to the Ahli Arab Hospital and then choose a photo or olivewood ornament to take home for your own tree or give as a gift. Remembering our sisters and brothers of the Holy Land is so important during the Advent and Christmas season! Checks should be made out to AFEDJ, with Ahli Hospital in the memo. For an update on the current situation in Gaza, visit their website, www.AFEDJ.org "news/recent."

***Trinity Women Invited to
Advent Quiet Day at
Christ Church Cathedral***

The Hartford Chapter of the Companions of the Holy Cross invite all women of the parish to their 2019 Advent Quiet Day, which will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 14, at Christ Church Cathedral. The Rev. Charlotte LaForest, Assistant Rector at St. James's, West Hartford, will be the leader. A series of meditations will each be followed by silent reflection time; following the meditations, the Quiet Day will conclude with a group Eucharist.

Please bring a bag lunch if you wish to stay for fellowship. The Cathedral is located at 45 Church Street in Hartford. Parking will be available across Church Street in the Hartford Stage parking garage.

For further information and to sign up, email Kate Smith at kate48smith@comcast.net or give Kate a call at 860-519-1591 by December 12.

**Telling the Old, Old Story:
Our 2019 Christmas Pageant**

Plans are well underway for our annual Christmas pageant, which will again this year be a part of the 5:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve. This year's pageant, being directed by Amity Gaige, will be "The Pageant of the Miracle Births" by Mark MacGougan (one of a series of pageants Mark has written). Rehearsals will take place from 11:30 to 12:30 on December 1, 8 and 15 during the Sunday Christian formation hour, with a dress rehearsal on either December 21 or December 23.

Trinity children participating in the pageant should arrive at the church between 4:00 and 4:30 p.m. on the 24th. Last-minute visiting children who would like to be a part of the pageant should plan to arrive at 4:15 p.m. – please let Amity or Kate Byroade Rousseau know if they should expect someone who is visiting your family this year. They would also be happy to answer any pageant-related questions.

Christmas Memorials

Notes from Recent Vestry Meetings

The September Vestry meeting opened with devotions by Martha Freimuth on the topic of God's call to service and our response, as described in the book of Isaiah.

Mr. Fred Shea, a guest who is the president of Stained Glass Resources, described the problems his company found with the windows in our library, kitchen hallway, narthex, and chapel. He presented his proposal for remediating these problems and described his company's qualifications for doing the work. The Property Team will take his proposal under consideration and seek other opinions as well.

Father Norman MacLeod introduced himself and described the tasks of an interim Priest in Charge. He will be half-time until November 1, at which time he will become our full-time priest. He and his wife have taken an apartment in West Hartford. Father Norman's letter of agreement with Trinity Church and ECCT was discussed and received.

Warden Martha Freimuth reported that overall, things had gone smoothly over the summer, with worship being held every Sunday. On August 25, two of our acolytes, Leroy Bohlen and Malik Thomas, rang the bell for four minutes in recollection of the four hundred years that had passed on that date since the first person was sold into slavery in what is now the United States. Twenty-five people attended the simple ceremony, and all found the event to be moving. Martha also reported that the

Capital Campaign continues to be very active. There will be an anniversary celebration at coffee hour on October 20, one year since the campaign kick-off.

ECCT has appointed the Rev. Virginia Army to be our Transition Consultant. The wardens will meet with her on September 22.

The Vestry Retreat will be held October 4 - 6 in West Cornwall, Connecticut, and will be facilitated by Donald Romanik, president of the Episcopal Church Foundation.

Anne Rapkin reported that the Parish Care Quadrant is looking for volunteers for all its ministries, especially for Intercessory Prayer and for Eucharistic Visitors.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

The October Vestry Meeting was devoted entirely to the selection of the Transition Team. The process was defined by ECCT and facilitated by the Rev. Virginia Army, who is our Transition Consultant.

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Friday, January 10, at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **February and March**. 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!

Transition Update

About 70 parishioners attended the All-Parish meeting on November 8, sharing a simple dinner and then talking to one another about Trinity Church's strengths and challenges. We also dreamed a little and described how we hoped things would be three years from now. All the thoughts and ideas were recorded by Vestry members and by our Transition Consultant, the Rev. Virginia Army.

Since that evening, the members of the Discernment Committee have been transcribing those notes, and will soon begin to synthesize the ideas into a Parish Profile. (Discernment Committee members are Liz Kirkpatrick, chair; Jim Bradley; Mark MacGougan; Lily Miller; Karin Peterson; Kevin Rennie and Kathie Wilson.) That profile, which will take the form of answers to questions defined by ECCT, will be reviewed by our support team at ECCT, the Rev. Lee Ann Tolzmann and Bishop Laura Ahrens, and will then be posted online so that potential candidates for Rector can see it and get a feel for what Trinity Church is like.

The target date for getting the profile completed is mid-January. In the meantime, the rest of the committees of the Transition Team – Prayer, Hospitality, and Recruitment committees – are being recruited. The full Transition Team will be commissioned during the worship services on Sunday, December 1 (Advent I).

More Outreach at Trinity

Trinity Academy's Holiday Bazaar Needs Your Help!

The Holiday Bazaar for Trinity Academy students (ages 6-9) will be held this year on Thursday, December 12, with shopping hours for the students from 1-3. This annual event gives all Trinity Academy's students a chance to "shop" for holiday gifts for their family members.

Again this year, we are looking for volunteers to help in setting up the Library the morning of the 12th, and, during the event, to help the children with gift selection and wrapping.

Our help is also needed in providing the gifts! We are requesting donations from generous Trinity parishioners of **new or unused** gift items. Items suitable for all age groups are needed, as the children will be selecting gifts for family members of various ages. *Lots* of items are needed to meet the gift-giving needs of the school's 38 students.

Please bring in gift items to the church **no later than December 8**. Items will be collected in Goodwin Hall on Sundays; they may also be brought to the church office during the week.

The Holiday Bazaar is also in need of gift bags of all sizes, tags and tissue paper for wrapping up the students' selections. If you've got extra wrapping materials, please bring them in by the 8th as well.

If you are able to volunteer or have any questions, contact Percy Williamson at 860-922-6271 or percybwilliamson@yahoo.com.

Update on Hunger Relief for Tabora, Tanzania

This summer Trinity Church received an urgent request for funds to provide emergency food aid for the Diocese of Tabora, Tanzania. With support from Outreach and the Colin Fund, we were able to send an initial \$2,500, estimated to be half of the need to bridge 93 families to the next harvest. These funds were immediately used to purchase bags of corn, and photos of this food delivery can be seen on our Outreach bulletin board.

The Outreach Team also held a fundraiser over two Sundays in October, and as always, the people of Trinity responded with generosity and love. We are happy to announce that as a result of your generous giving, as well as donations from former parish members and additional funds from Outreach, we were able to make a second transfer of \$2,500, bringing the total raised to a remarkable \$5,000.

Trinity Outreach sends prayers of gratitude to our parish members. Small steps yield big gains when we work in community and love. Amen!

- Heather Kramer

CitySingers To Offer "Glad Tidings!" Concerts

CitySingers of Hartford will celebrate this holiday season with several area performances of a concert entitled *Glad Tidings!*

Works will include familiar carols designed for audience participation and 16th-20th century choral pieces offering



uplifting and inspiring messages for the holiday season. Festive arrangements will be accompanied by suspended bells, flute, oboe, harp, pipe organ and percussion. Trinity parishioner Suzanne Gates is the Artistic & Music Director of CitySingers, and Trinity's Director of Music Ministries, Jackson Merrill, is the organist for this series.

Here's the schedule:

Saturday, December 14
at 4:00 p.m.

Emanuel Lutheran Church
60 Church Street
Manchester, CT
Free Admission

Sunday, December 15
at 4:00 p.m. *and*
Saturday, December 21
at 4:00 p.m.

First Church of Christ
12 South Main Street
West Hartford, CT
Voluntary Offering; suggested donation \$10, at your discretion

We hope that many of our Trinity parishioners will plan to attend!

- Penny Pearson,
for CitySingers of Hartford

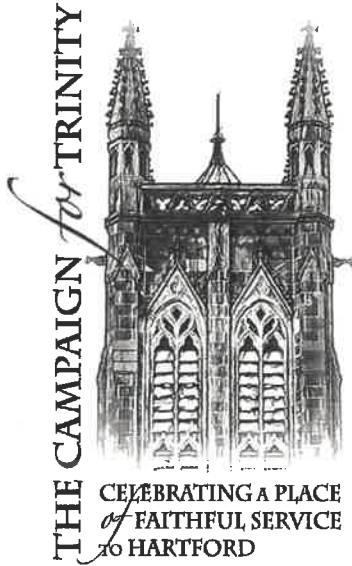
**The Capital Campaign for Trinity –
Celebration, Diaspora, and Next Steps**

Sunday, October 20, marked the first year anniversary of the Capital Campaign for Trinity Church:

Celebrating a Place of Faithful Service to Hartford. This year has set the campaign off to a wonderful start, as it solicited donations from our current Trinity Church members. At the Celebration, the capital campaign announced its current total, which

grew in the weeks that followed this event. The first phase is now in completion and has been extremely successful; so far, written pledges have been received for about 81% of the targeted \$750,000. Although the Campaign has completed the first phase coinciding with our one-year anniversary, it is not too late to make a contribution for the preservation of Trinity Church, equipping it for another century of service to the community.

The campaign has now actively transitioned into phase two – where we begin to look outwards, to those who have previously been parishioners of Trinity Church in the past (known as the “Diaspora”). In particular, the Campaign will focus on those who have moved away, but have been impacted deeply by Trinity and continue to maintain a personal connection with the



church. Father Bill Eakins, our Rector Emeritus, serving as chair of the Diaspora committee, has crafted personal messages to many of the former members, reflecting upon the cherished memories created here at Trinity Church. The Diaspora letters, along with a case statement for the goals of the Campaign and an accompanying pledge card, have been sent out to 145 previous members. There will be a team of current members who

will offer follow-up calls to those that received an information packet and a signed letter from Father Bill Eakins.

The third phase of the Campaign will focus on the acquirement of grants and the aid of community foundations. Generally, there are allocated resources that will aid the preservation of historic buildings in historic town districts like Trinity Episcopal Church. There is much research to be done here, and if anyone knows of a foundation or organization that gifts aid for places such as our historic Trinity Church, please let someone on the Capital Campaign Committee know, or email me at Preid@trinityhartford.org.

We appreciate everyone’s efforts in helping us achieve our goal. Thank you!

– Patrick Reid
Capital Campaign Administrator

**Fall Happenings at
Trinity Academy**

Our third graders worked very hard on writing their Personal Narrative stories with the help of their teacher, Carly Connal. On Tuesday, October 29, the school staff had the pleasure of listening to the students’ experiences. Way to go, everyone!



Our first graders really enjoyed carving pumpkins this fall. They learned a lot about pumpkins, and did some fun things with the pumpkin seeds, such as counting them and making pumpkin seed crafts.

Trinity Academy had a Powerful in Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Day organized by one of our fourth graders. Between the dollars students paid to dress down for the day, and the proceeds from her pink lemonade and cupcake sales, she was able to raise \$135 for breast cancer research.

On Wednesday, October 30, our students had a great time visiting at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford. The members of Northwest’s senior class hosted a Halloween Party, which included Halloween themed arts and crafts, face painting, and candy as well as some energetic basketball and soccer playing the high school gym.

– Donna Colliton
Executive Director of
Administration & Development
for Trinity Academy

Service of Hope and Remembrance December 18

Although the Christmas holidays are a happy time for many of us, the season can be painfully long and difficult for those dealing with sadness and loss. Again this year, Trinity Church will offer a special service of Holy Eucharist to support those having a hard time coping with the holidays. This Service of Hope and Remembrance will take place on Wednesday, December 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m., and will include a homily by the Rev. Norman MacLeod, hymns and candlelighting. If you are facing the holidays with a heavy or anxious heart, do plan to attend.



Trinity, Emanuel Choirs To Combine for Vespers

The Choirs of Trinity Church and Emanuel Lutheran Church, Capitol Avenue, will combine to offer a service of Vespers at Trinity on Friday, December 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The main works on the program will be Johann Sebastian Bach's Advent Cantata No. 140, *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* ("Awake, calls the voice to us") and George Frideric Handel's Organ Concerto No. 3 in B flat.

The service will feature an orchestra, soloists, choristers of The Choir School of Hartford, Jack Merrill as organist, and Jonathan Reuning-Scherer, Director of Music at Emanuel, as conductor. All are welcome to attend this beautiful service; a freewill offering will be taken.

Book Group Selects Jim Harrison Novel

Trinity's Book Group has chosen *Dalva*, a novel by American author Jim Harrison, for its next meeting, which will be held on Friday, January 10. It's the story of a modern woman's search for the son she gave up for adoption, a search that takes her from her current home in California back to her native Nebraska. On the way, she discovers a story that stretches from East to West, from the Civil War to Wounded Knee and Vietnam, and finds the balm she needs to heal her wounded soul.

Everyone is welcome to attend Book Group, whether for one session or many. The January 10 meeting will be hosted by Jon and Jane Reik at their home in Farmington. Please let Jon know if you plan to attend (jonr720@aol.com).

Holiday Teas on Hiatus

During this interim year at Trinity, there will be no Rector's holiday tea this year.

MLK Day Indoor Work Party

You're invited to be a part of our annual Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Trinity Work Party on Monday, January 20, from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Help make our worship space sparkle! Work day tasks will be strictly indoors – no sub-zero temps to brave. Come enjoy fellowship with your Trinity brothers and sisters while helping take good care of God's house!





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