

VOICE OF TRINITY

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Life Together at Trinity

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! I hope that you and those you love have had time during the summer months for some rest and re-creation.

Most people assume that the summer is a time when the activity level at churches slows down. There are fewer meetings, to be sure. But for staff members and ministry team leaders, the summer is a time of evaluating ministry activity of the previous year, developing plans for the program year beginning in September, and recruiting members of the congregation to assist with carrying out the more than 30 active ministries based in our congregation. And those 30+ ministries do not even include our two major community ministries which are established independently as partner organizations: Trinity Academy and The Choir School of Hartford.



As for me, recent events have led me to become more involved in what I consider a sort of community chaplaincy – working with other Hartford clergy in calling attention to the cancerous effects of long-term social injustice and inequality in our society. I have joined other pastors in a community healing service following the racially-motivated murders in Charleston, South Carolina, and I have walked with other pastors in a South Hartford neighborhood on a Friday evening sharing the Good News with neighborhood folks whom we met. Most recently I have joined – with the encouragement of our Vestry leadership – the Faith Based Initiative, a partnership among local faith leaders, the City Council and the Hartford Police Department which aims to bring peace and healing to our city.

These activities – along with our more traditional ministries – are at the very heart of who we are as a congregation of God's faithful people. It was on September 10, 1859, that 12 families from the Asylum Hill neighborhood petitioned the Diocese of Connecticut for status as a new congregation to serve the Asylum Hill neighborhood and environs. From its very start, the core values of Trinity have been to seek and serve Christ in all persons, striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being – all foundational tenets of our Baptismal covenant. These values have never been just words on paper – they are embodied in the decision of our founding families to be a “free church,” where “no one is higher in right or privilege than another, this common and equal right being based on the common and equal need which each one has for divine help.”

I invite you to join with me and our lay leadership as we recommit ourselves to these foundational values even as we re-imagine the future.

Your brother in Christ,

Don+

The Rev. Donald L. Hamer, Rector

Adult Forum Sessions for September

The Adult Forum Series for 2015-2016 gets underway with the first forum of the new program year set for September 20. The full schedule for September is as follows:

September 7 – Labor Day weekend; no forum session

September 13 – Annual picnic; no forum session

September 20 – June’s Supreme Court decisions

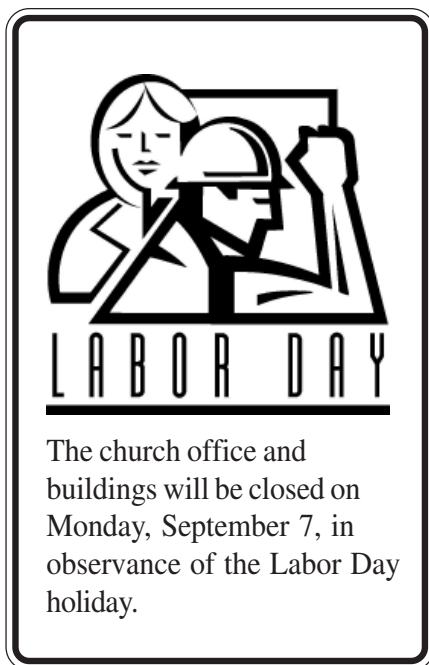
Frank Kirkpatrick will lead a discussion of some of the decisions handed down by the Supreme Court early this summer, including Obergefell vs. Hodges, which legalized same-sex marriage nationwide.

September 27 – Town Hall Meeting:

“Mission Discernment at Trinity Church”

Fr. Don and members of the Mission Discernment Committee will discuss their process of mission discernment and share some of what they have learned.

The Adult Forum meets following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.



Book Group To Discuss *Lila*

Lila, a new novel by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson, is Trinity Book Group’s summer selection. *Lila* is a poor and uneducated young woman whose life changes when she stumbles into a church in the small Iowa town of Gilead in the late 1940s. Robinson, who won the Pulitzer for her novel *Gilead*, has been called “one of the great religious novelists of any age.”

Book group will meet on Friday, September 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the home of Mark and Linda MacGougan (860-561-1588). All are welcome!

Welcoming the Newly Baptized . . .



On Sunday, June 14, we were pleased to welcome into the household of God and the parish of Trinity Church:

- Zoe Grace Adell and Morgan Sage Adell, twin daughters of Marsha and Vince Adell



September

Jannel Thomas	1
Michael Igboanugo	2
Precious Igboanugo	2
Shakeem Williams	2
David Scott	3
Terry Blackwood	4
Vincent Bygrave	4
Kathie Wilson	5
Pat Shields	6
Timothy Watt	8
Chris Bernard	9
Bonni McKenney	10
Andrew Downer	11
Frank Hamer	11
Neill Derick	12
Laura MacGougan	12
Lindsey Tengtenga	12
Edith Brunelle	15
Michael Morel	15
Michael Okeke	16
Gus Andrian	17
Anne Green	18
Carla Griffith	18
Catie Rutstein	19
Amanda Tronchin	21
Elon Bygrave	22
Roy McAlpine	27
Carese Davis	27
Jolanda Sribanpot	28
Aaron Legister	29
Kitty Peterson	29
Callie Rutstein	29

If you have a September birthday not listed above, call Pam Haddad in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, and let her know so she can add your special day to our parish records.

Here's Dante!

Wait – who is Dante?

Dante Tavolaro is a middler (2nd year student) at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, and is a postulant for Holy Orders in the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island. Part of his formation for priesthood includes doing an internship in a parish community. After several conversations and much prayer, it has been discerned that Dante will complete his internship here at Trinity Church. Isn't he lucky?

Originally from Croton-on-Hudson, New York, Dante has lived most of his life in Rhode Island. He currently lives in New Haven with his wife, Kaytee, and their two cats, KC and Percy. He is a 2011 graduate of Rhode Island College with a B.A. in Political Science concentrating on Courts and Public Policy as well as International Non-Governmental Organization Studies. For kicks and giggles he also wrote a senior thesis on the History and Development of The Book of Common Prayer, for which he did research at Lambeth Library in London.

What did he do before going to Berkeley?

Dante served as Director of Ministry at St. Peter's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Narragansett, Rhode Island, with responsibility for a variety of areas of parish life including hospitality, children and youth formation, as well as mission and outreach. He also mentored an Education for Ministry class, participated in liturgical leadership, and shared in pastoral ministries. Before his time at St. Peter's, he spent a year at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Providence as Director of Christian Formation.

In addition to his experiences in parish settings, Dante has been incredibly active in the wider Episcopal Church. He has served on various Diocesan governing bodies, is a three-time General Convention deputy, served on the Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop, and is an associate of the Society of St. Margaret, among other things.

He clearly likes church. Does he do anything else?

When not in church (or the library), Dante enjoys going on adventures around the world and blogging about what he is doing or reading. He loves cooking, and nothing relaxes him more than spending hours in the kitchen making pasta and bread, creating meals, or simply dicing veggies. He is an avid sports fan and passionately follows the New York Yankees, in addition to the Yale Bulldogs, the Ohio State Buckeyes and the New York Giants. He enjoys spending time outdoors kayaking and golfing. Most importantly, he loves spending time with his friends and family.

As part of his supervised ministry experience, Dante will be developing his knowledge and skills around parish administration, with emphasis on the collaborative mission of our parish with Trinity Academy and The Choir School of Hartford; liturgical planning; pastoral care; and how to maintain some type of spiritual discipline in the context of parish ministry. His first Sunday at Trinity will be September 13; he will preach on September 27.

Service for Roland Cheyney

A remembrance service for Roland Cheyney will be held at Trinity Church on Saturday, August 29, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Roland, who died on June 22, was the son of Gloria Cheyney, and the brother of Alex, Alan and Gavin Cheyney.

Assistance Available to Make Homes More Accessible

The University of Hartford's Freedom by Design Program is an American Institute of Architecture Students community service program. It utilizes the talents of architecture students to help people in their community through modest design and construction solutions. Vital modifications are made to enhance the homes of low-income and disabled individuals by addressing their struggles with everyday tasks such as bathing, ascending stairs and opening doors. The program is looking for projects for the coming year. If you or someone you know is interested, contact the church office, or UHart Freedom by Design at www.facebook.com/groups/918013201588667/.



Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is September 11 at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **October and November**. Please send your articles to voice@trinityhartford.org. Thanks very much!

Cycle of Prayer for September

September 6

Jennifer and Zechariah Stephens
Kate Steven
Hellen Strassner
Dante and Kaytee Tavolaro

September 13

Ngoni, Lindsey and Sekai Tengtenga
Sandeep Thalluvi
Jannel and Pat Thomas, Shqia and Jordan Moore-Thomas,
and Malik Allen-Thomas

September 20

Michael, Debbie, Natalie, Stephanie and Nicholas Thomas
Cecilia Timothy
Beryl Tomlinson
Honora Torto

September 27

Angelo, Emily and Hunter Troiano
Jake Troiano
Joe, Victor, Kaylee and Destini Troiano

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Evensong: 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (October-May)
Compline: 3rd Sunday of the month at 8:00 p.m.

The Reverend Donald L. Hamer, Rector
The Reverend Bonnie S. Matthews, Deacon
Mr. Ebert W. Landman, Precantor
Assisting Clergy: The Rt. Rev. Andrew D. Smith,
The Rev. Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick, The Rev. George A. Chien,
The Rev. Dr. Dennis Winkleblack
The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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A New Roof over Our Heads

The severely deteriorated roof over the Trinity Church Parish House building has recently been replaced with a new long-life asphalt shingle roof installed by the J. P. Carroll Construction Co. of West Hartford. The cost of this much-needed new roof was an anticipated expense covered by the 2015 capital budget.

In recent years, worsening water leaks had caused considerable damage to the Parish House, where the church offices are located, and were of increasing concern to the Property Team, which researched and recommended the choice of roofing material and contractor. The next time you park your car at Trinity, take a moment to look up and admire our spiffy (and water-tight) new roof!

Trinity To Host A Sweet Potato Roast!

Sweet potato plants currently flourishing in the Asylum Hill garden off Niles Street behind West Middle School will be harvested on Friday, September 25, from noon until 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to help.

Following the potato harvesting, a light meal will be served at Trinity Church for a free will offering. The marketable potatoes go to the Hartford food pantry, with the rest of the crop being cooked for dinner, which will run from 5 until 8 p.m.

Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association, Hartford Blooms, Knights of Columbus, Trinity Church and other Asylum Hill organizations are the sponsors for this event. Join in the harvest if you can, then come to Trinity to enjoy the dinner.

Hospitality Hosts

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

September 13

Parish Picnic - Special Event

September 20

Bill Kofalk

Alan Cheyney

JoJo Leano and Zaida Martinez

Marcia and Dwight Lee

September 27

Bill and Lynette Lawrence

If you are unable to fulfill your assignment, please try to switch with someone else or arrange a substitute. If you are unable to do so, be sure to contact Debbie Hamer at 860-216-3881 or via email at debhamer2001@yahoo.com. Also, please let the office know the name of your substitute by sending a message to office@trinityhartford.org.

Choirs Return September 13

The Choir School of Hartford will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, September 8. The Trinity Choir and Trinity Singers start rehearsals on Thursday, September 10. All the choirs will sing for our 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, September 13.

If you are interested in being a part of one of our choirs, please contact Bert Landman at blandman@trinityhartford.org, or call the music office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 205. Please be sure to welcome the choirs back from their summer recess and thank them for their service.

Trinity Academy Students Enjoy a Super Summer

Trinity Academy's almost-4th-graders enjoyed a three-week Summer Experience from July 6 - 24. School began at 9 a.m. and ended at 3 p.m. with a few exceptions: dismissal was at 5 p.m. the days when everyone went to a Rhode Island beach and Mystic Aquarium!

In the morning and early afternoon, the students studied math and language arts, and participated in a wide-ranging assortment of special activities such as arts and crafts, brain games, computers, and swimming at the Duncaster Retirement Community pool. The students also enjoyed field trips to the Wadsworth Museum, the Community Farm in Simsbury, the Springfield museums (the Dr. Seuss figures were a hit!) and the Rocky Hill Dinosaur Park, as well as a hike to the Heublein Tower.

Three of our recently-graduated 8th grade students were volunteer helpers for the summer program, working with Academy staff and other adults. The Academy plans to keep in touch with its former 8th graders – its Ambassadors – as they continue with their education; perhaps some will return as teachers or tutors!

At the beginning of summer the 3rd graders received new bicycles and helmets from Aetna, whose financial leadership group built bicycles as a team building activity. Thank you, Aetna, for making the summer special for these students!

The Academy is also grateful to the William and Alice Mortensen Foundation, which has provided a grant used to purchase indoor

greenhouses for each Academy classroom. Thanks to the greenhouses, gardening is a part of the school's curriculum year-round.

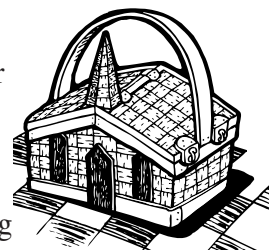
Trinity Academy is now preparing for the fall as an elementary school as the 3rd graders move upstairs to 4th grade and the school welcomes a new 3rd grade class to Huntington Hall. Classes start on Tuesday, August 25, with 30 students eager to attend.

Visitors are enthusiastically welcome at the Academy. Come soon and often! For more information, please visit www.trinityday.org or call 860-251-8337.

Annual Picnic Set for September 13

Our annual parish picnic will be held in the Memorial Garden immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 13. The parish will provide beverages. Parishioners with last names beginning with A-I are asked to sign up to bring desserts; last names M-Z are asked to provide side dishes, and anyone may sign up for main dishes. You may also sign up as a volunteer to help with set-up and clean-up. Sign up sheets are posted in Goodwin Hall. In case of inclement weather on the 13th, the picnic will be held indoors in Goodwin Hall.

The picnic is a great way to reconnect with all your friends at Trinity after the summer. Don't miss it!



My Journey with Parkinson's by Trinity parishioner John Doyle

It's been almost 16½ years. For me, April 17, 1999, is one of those dates you don't easily forget, one that was forever life changing. That was the day I received word from my neurologist that I was being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease, a neurodegenerative disorder caused by the death of brain cells in the area of the brain that makes dopamine, a neurotransmitter responsible for motor control, among other things. For me, the symptoms were primarily a slight tremor on my right side, followed by a lack of balance. For the first few years, the symptoms were stable and didn't change much at all. Then they started to worsen. I developed an axial tremor, meaning that my head shook. I also started to develop stooped posture, a shuffling gait, an increase in the stiffness and rigidity of my muscles and problems swallowing. Needless to say, this all took a toll on my professional and personal lives.

Fast forward to 2011. I was exploring the single world again. My marriage of almost 17 years ended in divorce in 2008 as a result of the Parkinson's. I had also developed a compulsive behavior as a side effect of one my medications, which did not help matters at all. So, here I was living at home with my parents again. The symptoms were getting much worse and for the first time my parents were witness to the daily trials I had to endure. The mornings were the most difficult, as I had to wait for medication to kick in. My tremor was much worse, even with the medication, and I experienced freezing episodes as

well, which meant I was unable to move for short periods of time. However, my parents were supportive of me and that made a huge difference.

2012 was a year I would like nothing more than to forget. My father passed away in March after a third heart valve replacement. Then my mother was diagnosed with lung cancer and, although she had successful surgery in October, she was put on chemotherapy as a preventive measure. 2012 was also the year I lost my driver's license after two car crashes within 90 days as a result of Parkinson's. My symptoms were now on both sides of my body and had gotten much worse. At Christmas dinner in 2012, I felt embarrassed having to ask someone to put food on my plate because I couldn't hold the serving spoon.

In 2013, while at a neurology visit at the VA in West Haven, I brought up the subject of Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery. My neurologist thought that I would be a good candidate, and so the process began. By this time I needed a cane to walk as my balance had gotten that bad. My speech was also being impacted as my voice grew softer and I often slurred my words. But, there was something to look forward to with the DBS. The VA wanted to have me go to the regional hospital in Philadelphia for the procedure, but my neurologist wanted me to get it done at Yale New Haven. After much pushing from my neurologist and almost a year of waiting, it was approved. I would, in fact, get the surgery done at Yale New Haven in

February of 2014. Ideally, when the surgery is done they want to do both sides of the brain at once, but I was feeling too worn out and decided to wait for the second side. So, in August of 2014 I went in again for the other side.

It has been a full year since my last surgery and things are fantastic. As of last December I no longer take any Parkinson's medications. As of April I have regained my driver's license. I have become a member of the Board of Directors for the Connecticut Chapter of the American Parkinson's Disease Association and am co-facilitator of a support group in Glastonbury. I have also taken on the role of a Patient Ambassador for Medtronic (the company that makes the DBS device) so I can help others who are exploring the surgery and want to talk with someone who has gone through it.

The journey from diagnosis to where I am today has been frustrating, long and sometimes painful. Along the way I have met some great people in the Parkinson's community through the APDA and a local support group I helped to found. I have also had the privilege of touching the lives of those whose family members are struggling with the disease and have been able to help them cope. The big question is how did I make it through the trials of the last 16½ years? Well, my answer is actually simple. Faith. I put my faith in God that there was a reason why I developed Parkinson's. I haven't figured out the reason yet, but

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Stephen Ministry Seeking Applicants

Trinity's Stephen Ministry Leadership Team of Percy Williamson, Jo-Ann Sadosky, Martha Freimuth and Fr. Don are looking forward to welcoming a new class of Stephen Ministry Trainees beginning in September. Our trained Stephen Ministers are at work providing personal care both to members of our congregation and others, and our Stephen Leaders are at work looking to the future and ways Stephen Ministry might better serve our members and neighbors.

Two important announcements we would like to share:

The first is that our Stephen Ministry program and the Stephen Ministry program at Emanuel Lutheran Church on Capitol Avenue in Hartford are now a cooperative ministry shared by both congregations. Our Stephen Ministry leaders are meeting together regularly. Our last series of Stephen Minister training sessions in the fall of 2014 was done jointly by our two congregations, and our trained Stephen Ministers are available to both congregations. We believe this joint ministry will not only strengthen our Stephen Ministry programs, but in a broader context will also help Trinity and Emanuel get to know one another better as sister congregations and find others ways in which we might work together.

The second announcement is that a new series of training sessions for new Stephen Ministers will begin starting in September. Here are the details as we know them now:

Stephen Minister Training

**Mondays, 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
September 14 - December 14
At Emanuel Parish Building
Classroom OR Trinity Library**

There are many more details to Stephen Minister training. If this is a service to your Lord, your Church and your neighbor to which you feel you may be called, please speak with one of Trinity's Stephen Leaders – Fr. Don, Percy Williamson, Jo-Ann Sadosky and Martha Freimuth. They will be happy to answer your questions.

We hope you will prayerfully consider Stephen Ministry, and ask that you keep our Stephen Ministry program in your prayers.

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eventually it will be known to me. I also put my faith in family and friends. They have all shown such love and support for me that I now use that faith in God, my family and friends to give me strength. I use that strength to maintain a positive outlook on my life as it is now and hope that I can spread that to others.

To see me today, without knowing anything about me, you would never guess that I have Parkinson's. How long will the DBS maintain its effectiveness? Who knows? To be honest, I really don't worry about that. I treasure what I have now and know that I will always have the love and support of my family, my friends and my faith.



The Choir School of Hartford

Emerald Ball

November 5, 2015

Lincoln Culinary Institute

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- Gene Bartley's Jazz Quartet
- Hors d'oeuvres, Auction, and Surprises!

Stay tuned for more information to come, and join us for a wonderful night of fun!

Outreach at Trinity



Help End Hunger in Hartford: Join Our New Trinity Foodshare Team

Trinity Church is currently exploring the possibility of forming a team of volunteers to work one morning a week at the Foodshare warehouse in Bloomfield, sorting and packaging food donated by area distributors to be distributed to Greater Hartford area residents who can't afford all the food they need. Team members would need to make a three-hour-per-week time commitment – the hours are 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., and our team would work the same day, and carry out the same tasks, each week.

Volunteers for this project must be able to work standing up for the length of time involved, and must commit to regular participation in this project. (If we get enough volunteers, no one team member would need to be present every week.) There is some training involved, and Foodshare, of course, provides supervision.

Drew Smith is collecting the names of those interested in this project; he will oversee formation of our volunteer team, and plans to be a member of the team himself. If you would like to help fight hunger in Connecticut by joining our Foodshare team, or have any questions about this new volunteer effort, please send Drew an email at ktadsmith@comcast.net.

Backpack Project A Success

Trinity's parishioners recently donated 40 backpacks to Hartford area children. Some were filled with supplies and some were just the backpacks alone, as requested by some of our recipients' families this year. Lakesha Ruth, our social worker, was happy to distribute these gifts to the grateful families whose children are now all set to start the new school year. Thanks to everyone who participated in this special ministry this year.

– Don Cook
for the Outreach Team

Trinity Academy Requests Book Donations

Help the Trinity Academy library grow! Book donations are needed in the following categories:



Hardcover only – fairy/folk tales, science (e.g. human body, snakes, planets) and sports; picture books for grades 1-3; fiction for grades 1-3. **Softcover** – easy readers for levels 1-4 (level should be printed on book). Thanks to previous donations, there are plenty of other paperback books.

Donations can be left at the office, given to Liz Kirkpatrick or Anne Green on Sundays, or left in a bag on the nametag table. (Please label the bag "Trinity Academy.")

Vestry Notes to the Parish

The June 16 Vestry meeting opened with devotions led by Jim Bradley. The Vestry then welcomed those newly elected at the Annual Meeting on Trinity Sunday: Kitty Peterson (Clerk), Janet Wilkinson (Treasurer), former Clerk Alan Rice in his new role as Warden, and at-large members Claire Blissett, Marcus Clark and Jacob Troiano.

On the consent agenda, the Vestry unanimously approved the minutes of the May 19 meeting, ratified the election of Barbara (Boo) Morton as a member of the Board of The Choir School of Hartford, and appointed the Executive Committee to nominate a candidate for the remaining at-large Vestry seat. (Ed. note: Over the summer, the Executive Committee nominated – and the Vestry approved via on-line vote – Tim Watt to fill the vacant seat.)

In other business, the Vestry voted:

- To suspend meetings for July and August and delegate authority to the Executive Committee
- To partner with Northeast Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (NINA) in the rehabilitation of the two vacant properties across Sigourney Street from the church (work to begin in 2016)
- To approve preliminary plans to erect banners on the Farmington side of the Education Wing representing the Parish of Trinity Church, Trinity Academy and The Choir School of Hartford

Following a feedback session and reports from the Wardens and the Rector, the meeting adjourned and closed with prayer at approximately 9 p.m.

Church School 2015-2016

Church School begins September 20!

Godly Play for Children age 3 through third grade:

Designed for children aged three to third 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, the importance of being at every session is incalculable. 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.

Godly Play – Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Leaders: Robin Duva, Jannel Thomas, Carla Griffith

Door Person: Corlet Ude

Parents are to bring their child/children to Godly Play **Classroom 3**. The Acolytes will bring the children back to rejoin their families in church at the Peace in time for Communion. Please make every effort to ensure your child will not miss a session. (Note: there will be no Godly Play on Sundays when there is a baptism at the 10:00 a.m. service.)

Grades 4 & 5: – Sunday mornings at 11:30 a.m. (following the 10:00 a.m. service)

Leaders: Kate Rousseau, Clement Mogor

Door Person: Agatha Okeke

The *Feasting on the Word* curriculum from Westminster/John Knox Press will be offered to children in grades 4-5. 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**.

11:30 Activity Time

Children aged 3-3rd grade who have parents or older siblings staying on for other formation programs beginning at 11:30 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.

Registration

Church School registration will take place after the services on Sunday, August 30, and Sunday, September 6. 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.

Journey to Adulthood 2015 - 2016

Christian Formation for Grades 6-12

Journey to Adulthood sessions begin September 20

*Manhood and Womanhood are gifts from God.
Adulthood needs to be earned.*

This phrase sums up one of the principal goals of the Journey to Adulthood program: helping young people to develop spiritually, physically and emotionally into mature Christian adulthood.

We are looking forward to embarking on another year of the Journey to Adulthood program for our youth here at Trinity. We have been delighted with the response from both parents and youth over the past years. The program works in two-year cycles so that our youth remain with the same class group throughout their “journey to adulthood.”

Rite-13 – 6th & 7th graders

The work of this youngest group of teens is principally to build bonds with one another and structure an identity for themselves as they move into becoming teenagers. To that end the group will have a ceremony in the fall known as Rite-13 during liturgy that formally marks their beginning on this journey.

J2A – 8th and 9th graders

The primary work of this group engages youth with the skills and critical thinking involved in adulthood. Team building, cooperation, goal setting and achieving goals are an important part of this group.

Confirm Not Conform

This is a year-long preparation for our students who are or will be 16 years old and above. It is interactive and experiential in nature, and challenges young people to address issues of their faith as it relates to 21st century life. Toward the end of the class, students are invited to decide if they wish to make a mature affirmation of their faith based on the baptismal covenant. The Rite of Confirmation will be offered sometime in the spring 2016 for those students who wish to participate.

If you have any questions or would like to support the program in any way, please contact Fr. Don at 860-527-8133, Ext. 202, or dhamer@trinityhartford.org.

Registration:

Registration for the JTA program will take place after the services on Sunday, August 30, and Sunday, September 6. A 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.

Compline Series Continues

The Trinity Compline Schola invites you to join them for Sung Prayer at the Close of Day (Compline) on Sunday, September 20, beginning at 8:00 p.m. You may choose to join the Schola in the candle-lit chancel or sit in the darkened nave.

Compline lasts about 20-25 minutes. Participants should enter through the Sigourney Street doors, which will open at 7:50 p.m. We hope that you will come let the prayers of this ancient liturgy wash over you and help prepare you for the busyness of the coming week.

Trinity Considers Offering Financial Peace University

The Annual Appeal Team is considering hosting Financial Peace University, which teaches biblical ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you’ve dreamed you could be with your finances. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

FPU classes meet for around an hour and a half each week for nine weeks. The cost of the class is \$93 per household.

In order to offer this program, we would like to have a minimum class of 10 people. If you are interested in taking the class, please email Kevin Chick at kevinjchick@gmail.com.

For more information about the class follow this link: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/home/>.



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