

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

NEWSLETTER FOR TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN



Dear Friends,

This past Sunday over a hundred voting members attended our Annual Parish Meeting and luncheon. We elected six new vestry members to three-year terms. Congratulations to Michael Bingham, Peg Chambers, Gloria Hoda, Barbara Lamb, Jack Tebes, and Rich Walser.

I also want to thank Boyd Griffin, Erin Gustafson, Fiona Leary Boucher, Bob Oetjen, Lisa Omark, and David Phelps for standing for election. I hope they will be willing to try again in future years. I thank God that Trinity has no shortage of willing and able lay leaders.

As those who attended the Parish Meeting learned, Trinity had entered 2009 with a shortfall in income. I have asked each vestry member to consider a 10% increase from their original 2009 pledge, if they are able. More than half have already responded with increases.

Our Senior Warden, Joe Dzeda, has written all of you to also consider increasing your 2009 pledge. For those of you who have never pledged before, this would be a good time to begin.

Much of the news about Trinity is good. Among the 170 Episcopal parishes in the Diocese of Connecticut, we rank in the top ten in average Sunday attendance and in the amount of income we raise from pledges and offerings.

We are, however, still facing a deficit for the current year. Our pledge total, as of this date, is \$42,000 short of our goal.

The Parish Meeting approved a deficit budget and charged the vestry with the task of finding new and better ways to balance that budget in the coming months.

But as I said in my sermon last Sunday, we have been called by Jesus to cast our nets, to fish for people. We need to cast more and bigger nets, not fewer nets or nets with holes in them.

The month of February has been designated by our new Evangelism Committee as "Bring Friends to Church Month." The Church is one of the few organizations that exists primarily not for its own members but for its non members.

The call of the Gospel, and the call to Trinity, is to make Christ known to those who know him least.

Love,

**February
2009**

Did you know...

In 1999, Trinity commissioned a stained glass window entitled "Trinity's History and Vision." Designed by Val Sigstedt, this window is above our main entrance and lights up the New Haven Green every night.

Worship Attendance

January 4	
7:45	23
9:00	68
11:00	164
2:00	30

January 11	
7:45	9
9:00	36
11:00	123
2:00	37
5:00	133

January 18	
7:45	15
9:00	64
11:00	95
2:00	42

January 25	
7:45	22
10:00	253
2:00	54

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Trinity Welcomes New Treasurer



Heather Tookes Alexopoulos will serve as Trinity's new Treasurer, effective February 2009. Heather has been a member of the Trinity community since the summer of 2004, when she moved to New Haven to join the finance faculty at Yale School of Management. She attends the 7:45 am and 11:00 am services.

Heather has served on Trinity's Community Outreach Committee since 2006. "I found it to be a wonderful way to learn about this important part of Trinity's mission and to become familiar with community organizations throughout the City," remarks Heather.

She is optimistic about her new role as Treasurer, despite these challenging economic times. She says, "The continued support of our parishioners, along with spending reductions wherever possible, will allow Trinity to continue to fulfill its mission at precisely the time at which it is needed most, both within the Church and in the greater community."

Youth Group Time and Structure Change

In an effort to keep both buildings open fewer hours, the Trinity/St. Paul & St. James Youth Group has decided make a change starting **February 8**: Both the Junior High (grades 6-8) and the Senior High (grades 9-12) will meet at the same time, from **4:30 pm** till **6:30 pm**. We will continue to meet at St. Paul & St. James the 1st and 3rd Sundays and at Trinity on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Fifth Sundays are to be determined.

While both the Jr. and Sr. High Youth Groups are meeting at the same time, the focus and programs will often be separate. We will be also ending with dinner for both groups from **6:00 pm** to **6:30 pm** and need parents to help provide dinner. If you want to provide dinner, contact the Rev. Alex Dyer at adyer@trinitynewhaven.org.

Knitting at Trinity, February 8



The Trinity Knitting Ministry and the Trinity Yarn Works will meet on **Sunday, February 8** to resume the making of prayer shawls. Join us for fun, food and fellowship in the undercroft from **11:00 am** to **1:00 pm**. Knitting and crochet patterns provided, as well as some supplies or bring your own. We recommend Lion's Brand Homespun yarn or any #4 worsted yarn, size 13 or 15 needles. Lessons given to new knitters. Questions? Contact Candy Carl-Stannard, Gloria Hoda or Linda Sheehan.

Bring a Friend February



The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring, "Bring a Friend February." This is an opportunity to bring someone you know to Trinity. The month of February will be especially geared towards newcomers. If you have any questions, contact the Evangelism Co-chairs Karrie Hendrickson (karrie.hendrickson@yale.edu) or Jack Tebes (jacob.tebes@yale.edu)

ECW Meeting, February 4



On **Wednesday, February 4** at **7:30 pm**, Dr. Emilie M. Townes, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Andrew W. Mellon Professor of African American Religion and Theology, Yale University Divinity School will be speaking to us on the subject of Faith and Citizenship.

We will be serving a dinner of salad, soups, bread, and dessert. Please contact Gloria Hoda at gloria.hoda@yale.edu or (203) 430-4066 if you plan to come or would like to help with the meal.

Community Works to Meet February 11

The first meeting of the newly formed Community Works Committee will be held on **Wednesday, February 11** at **7:00 pm** in the Trinity Undercroft. This committee is a complement to the Community Outreach committee but has a different focus. At this time Trinity parishioners are involved in several community programs including Columbus House, Habitat for Humanity, mission trips, and Chapel on the Green. There is a need to bring all of these endeavors under one umbrella and to look for new projects and programs, and to generate new ideas for parish participation, such as involvement with IRIS (Refugee Re-Settlement).

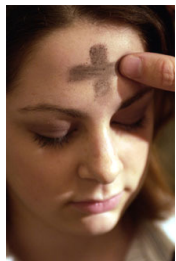
We are looking for people who want to be involved in helping to coordinate Trinity's efforts at hands on type contributions to the local community and beyond. Please let us know if you can attend this meeting or if you are interested in being kept in the loop of upcoming ideas and projects.

Contact Warner Marshall at nh.rehap.inst@snet.net or Leigh Lindsay at leighlindsay@sbcglobal.net.

Trinity Church on the Green
February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Feb	2	3	4	5	6	7
7:45a Holy Eucharist Rite I 9:00a Holy Eucharist Rite 2 10:00a - 11:30a African American Read-In for All Ages 10:10a - 10:40a Christian Education 11:00a Holy Eucharist Rite I 11:00a Children's Chapel 2:00p Chapel on the Green 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Preacher: THE REV. ANDREW FIDDLER, RECTOR		12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 5:30p Executive Committee 7:30p - 9:00p Communications Committee in Undercroft	9:30a - 12:00p Holiday Bazaar Crafting 12:10p Eucharist and Healing Service 12:30p Home Board Meeting (Snow Date) 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p Episcopal Church Women	12:00p AI Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 6:00p - 8:00p Confirmation Class at Christ & the Epiphany, East Haven 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsals (2)	12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 5:30p Chapel on the Green Advisory Committee in Upper Room	
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Three Ash Wednesday Services on February 25



There will be three services this Ash Wednesday: At **12:10 pm** there will be a Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes. At **2:00 pm**, Chapel on the Green will have an outdoor service of Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes. Finally at **7:30 pm**, there will be a service of Choral Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes. The preacher for the **12:10 pm** and **7:30 pm** services will be our seminarian, Joshua Hill.

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Upcoming Concerts for Trinity Choirs

You have two wonderful opportunities to hear two of Trinity's choirs in forthcoming concert performances, both away from Trinity Church.



On **Wednesday, February 11 at 8:00 pm**, the Choir of Men & Boys, will present Haydn's majestic Mass in Time of War, in conjunction with the Choir of Trinity Church, Princeton, NJ and the American

Classical Orchestra of New York, under the direction of Thomas Crawford. The performance will take place at the beautiful Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Manhattan's Upper West Side (152 West 71st Street), www.blessedsacramentnyc.com, and will also include an organ concerto and symphony by Haydn. Tickets may be purchased online at www.amerclassorch.org or by calling (212) 262-2727.

On **Saturday, February 14 at 7:30pm**, the Girls from the Choir of Men & Girls will sing as part of the New Haven Chorale's next concert at Yale's Woolsey Hall (at the Corner of College and Grove Streets). Our Girls will perform several selections by themselves, and then take part in a premiere performance of a new work with the Chorale, along with the Heritage Chorale and the Hartt School of Music Chamber Choir. For ticket information, please email tickets@newhavenchorale.org or call (203) 776-SONG. The concert will benefit the music program at St. Martin de Porres Academy in New Haven. More information about the concert itself may be found at www.newhavenchorale.org/concert_2.html.



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Supper Club Welcomes New Members



Supper Club Fans it is time for our next get-together— **Wednesday, February 18 at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm** in the Undercroft. This will be both

the wrap-up to the fall groups and the kick-off for the new groups. Please come and join us for some appetizers, beverages and fellowship. Feel free to join us if:

- ❖ You are currently in a Supper Club group, or
- ❖ You would like to join a newly forming Supper Club group, or
- ❖ All of the above!

Supper Clubs are a fun, informal way to meet other people from Trinity for food and fellowship and are especially helpful for people new to Trinity. The new groups will meet from approximately March - June. Sign-up sheets are available in the church vestibule. Contact Leigh Lindsay for more information at 248-7188 or leighlindsay@sbcglobal.net

Upcoming Adult Forums

- February 1 - In place of the Adult Forum, we will be celebrating the 20th Annual African American Read-In at **10:00 am**.
- February 8 - Walden Moore will preview the recruitment DVD for the Boys Choir and Girls Choir. He will also talk about these two vital ministries of Trinity.
- February 15 - *TBD*
- February 22 - ***Stump the Rector: Episcopal Version*** - Come ask the rector all the questions you have about the Episcopal Church.

Election Results of Annual Meeting



Every year we elect new vestry members to serve at Trinity. The vestry is the legal representative of the parish with regard to all matters pertaining to its assets. At Trinity, there are eighteen vestry members and two wardens. There is also a treasurer and a clerk. At Trinity, vestry members serve for a three year term and wardens serve for four year terms.

In November, the rector and incumbent wardens form a nominating committee consisting of graduating vestry members and other active parishioners. This committee meets and establishes a list of parishioners who have actively served Trinity in various ways. These individuals are invited to run for election for the vestry. Vestry members are elected at the annual parish meeting held in late January.

The presiding officer of the vestry is the rector. The wardens lead the parish between rectors.

The basic responsibilities of the vestry are: to help define and articulate the mission of this congregation; to support the church's mission by word and deed; to select the rector; to ensure effective organization and planning; to manage resources and finances.

At this year's annual parish meeting there was a great slate of nominations for vestry. The vestry class of 2012 is: Michael Bingham, Peg Chambers, Gloria Hoda, Barbara Lamb, Jack Tebes, and Rich Walser. Elected to Deanery/Diocesan Representatives were: Karrie Hendrickson and Rose Pawlikowski. Jack Tebes and Mike Reynolds will serve as alternates. Thank you to all who were willing to run for vestry.

Jazz Mass Returns to Trinity



The Gateway Jazz Band will return to our **9:00 am** service for a Jazz Mass on **Sunday, February 22**, accompanying and augmenting the music of the congregational singing and our Spirit Singers.

Their appearance in the service last November was well-received, and we look forward to their return. This fine group is made up of a pianist/director, drummer/percussionist, trombone player and singer. They will be making their first appearance at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York on Good Friday of this year. Please join us for this festive service on the last Sunday of Epiphany!

Pancake Supper to Raise Money for Youth Mission Trip

February 24 from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm



Every year, parishioners make their way to Trinity for pancakes, sausage, bacon, and lots of fun. Why pancakes? Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent.

The Lenten fast emphasized eating plainer food—traditionally this meant no meat, and in some traditions, no food prepared with dairy or eggs. Therefore, rich ingredients were cooked to use them immediately prior to the fast. Like most years, we will have a Mardi Gras theme to the supper.

Bill Pawlikowski will serve as our "Master Chef" again this year and the youth will serve as our wait staff. We hope to have live music again this year and also want to encourage everyone to **dress in Mardi Gras attire** for the evenings festivities.

Due to budget constraints and the economy, the youth group leaders are still discerning the location of our annual youth mission trip. This important fundraiser will help us determine where we can take the youth this summer. We need your help. The suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and no more than \$30 per family.

The evening will begin with the burning of palms (leftover from Palm Sunday) in order to make the ashes for the next day's services.



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A Newsletter of Trinity on the Green

THE MISSION OF TRINITY CHURCH

God's love calls us to proclaim with joy the good news of Jesus Christ, to welcome all people into the community of faith, and to serve Christ through serving others.

THE MINISTERS OF TRINITY

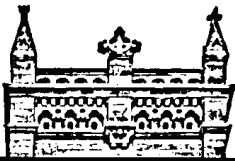
All the people of Trinity Church

THE CLERGY:

The Rev. Andrew Fiddler, *Rector*

The Rev. Estelle Webb, *Associate for Pastoral Ministries*

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