

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

NEWSLETTER FOR TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN



Dear Friends,

I am currently reading a biography of Charles Lindbergh written by A. Scott Berg. It is very good so far. It will probably take me awhile to finish because it is a very long book.

Last night I read through the part where he is preparing for his famous trip across the Atlantic from New York to Paris and a blow by blow account of his take off from Roosevelt field in the darkness of night, May 20, 1927. It seemed at first that his plane wouldn't lift, it was carrying such large gasoline tanks; then he rose a few feet came back and hit the ground and rose again. Finally, when there was almost no runway left and it looked as if he would not clear the electrical wires ahead of him, the Spirit of St. Louis rose into the sky. A breath-holding moment that led to a glorious victory. We all know how the story ends, except the ending was more of a beginning for aviation.

Lindbergh was called Lucky Lindy by the press mainly because he was the first person ever to survive four parachute jumps from planes in trouble. Reading about his life and personality, I realize that he was not lucky, he was determined.

One of the strongest reasons for his success and his world record setting flight was careful planning, observing and correcting, and borrowing ideas from others. Most especially though, was

his belief that he could do it. He did not doubt for one moment that he could do it! That is very often the key to success more than luck.

As we continue into this time of transition that began when Andy left, we haven't really experienced a lot of change. But, we have to start thinking in that direction. We need to prepare for the biggest change of all which will be the hiring of a new rector.

We cannot just wait out this time. We need to look around us, look out into the broader church and observe, and add ideas that will help us become the best church we can be; a church where anyone looking for a church home would be glad to stay.

But, complacency is our greatest enemy. We must gaze into the future and reach for new heights—new possibilities.

It is in our hands. It will take diligence, determination and belief in our own capabilities, but it is a work we must do. As you think about changes and possibilities for our church, please share them with the clergy. It is our hope that all can join in this venture with enthusiasm, hope, and faith.

God's Peace,

**October
2009**

Did you know...

Samuel Seabury was the first Bishop of Connecticut. Bishop Seabury was also the first American Episcopal bishop, the second Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church.

Worship Attendance

September 6	
7:45	36
10:00	250
2:00	55
September 13	
7:45	28
9:00	89
11:00	200
2:00	60
September 20	
7:45	23
9:00	64
11:00	156
2:00	63
September 27	
7:45	20
9:00	90
11:00	109
2:00	41

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Vestry Highlights: September Meeting

The Rev. Alex Dyer introduced Chris Evans, the new Chapel on the Green coordinator.

Treasurer's Report: Heather Alexopoulos reported on the proposed 2010 budget handout. We now have a line of credit to be used to help finance the construction costs. Heather noted that we will be using the line of credit as little as possible due to use charges. Discussion followed about how the Capital Campaign pledges are coming in. Ways of balancing the budget were also discussed.

Stewardship: Rose Pawlikowski explained a proposed chart that will be sent to all parishioners along with other items in two mailings. It was noted that Stewardship should be a year around effort. A motion was made and seconded that the Vestry accept the theme of "Built to Stay, Building to Serve" and to support the Stewardship Committee. The motion was approved. A motion was made and seconded that the Vestry be the first members of the congregation to submit their pledges. The motion was approved.

Properties and Columbarium Committee Report: Duo Dickinson reported on the status of the construction timing. He related the following statement from Chapel Construction: "I don't see how we won't make the deadline." It appears that the middle of November will be on target. Duo went on to speak about the metal work for the Columbarium and the possible costs of fabrication. A motion was made and seconded that the Vestry endorses the funding of the Columbarium ornamental grill work and gates, subject to final budget information.

Outreach Committee Report: Barbara Hedberg presented the Committee report with the following grants that require Vestry approval:

Trowbridge Fund for Missions:

D'Andre Mission to Kiev	\$ 750
Hill Neighborhood Mentoring	\$3,500
Loaves and Fishes	\$2,500

Missionary and Benevolent Fund:

All Saints Episcopal Church, Puerto Rico	\$1,500
Hospital Albert Schweitzer, Haiti	\$3,000

Total **\$11,250**

On motion made and seconded, the above listed grants were approved.

Proposed Boy's Choir England Trip: Barbara Hedberg noted that the Vestry must approve the proposed Boy's Choir England Trip so that it can proceed. A motion was made and seconded that the Vestry approve the proposed Boy's Choir England Trip. The motion was approved

Transition Report: Barbara Hedberg reported that she and Joe Dzeda will have a preliminary meeting with the Transition Officer in several weeks, but the real thrust of the transition effort will not happen until after the New Year.

Interim Rector's Report: The Rev. James Sell reported the following:

1. He would like to have an item on next month's agenda concerning the upcoming election the Bishop.
2. Speakers are needed for short Stewardship talks.

Annual Parish Picnic October 4



We invite you to celebrate our life as a Parish by attending The Trinity Church Parish Picnic **Sunday, October 4 at 1:00 pm** at The Lighthouse Park, Carousel Building.

Please put it on your calendar and plan to come.

Burgers, hot dogs and drinks provided.

Feel free to bring folding chairs, games and sports equipment!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC - BRING A FRIEND!

Meeting/Event Reminder



All church meetings and events, whether or not they take place in the church building itself, need to be added to the official church calendar and checked for scheduling conflicts, parking problems, and to allow us to schedule a sexton when needed. The calendar is sent out every month

with the Still Small Voice to remind people of upcoming events and is available to all on our newly upgraded website at www.trinitynewhaven.org. In addition, we use the calendar as the master list from which we pull announcements and reminders for the bulletin, newsletter and e-news.

To get an event or meeting on the schedule, please contact Sherrill Farkas, Parish Administrator at (203) 776-2606 or sfarkas@trinitynewhaven.org.

Trinity Construction Update

By: Duo Dickinson, Properties Chairperson

Virtually every element of our construction project is fully underway—the Columbarium cabinetry is well on to being built in its off-site shop and the demolition and preparation for its installation is completed; all the major demolition in the Undercroft in preparation for the elevator has been completed and the electrical and plumbing work is proceeding rapidly; and the refinishing of all the wood surfaces in the Undercroft is well underway. The next big moves are removal of the floor in preparation for the elevator and the major re-structuring of the entire area around it. Despite all of this progress and ongoing work, at this stage of any intricate renovation of an older building, any finality of schedule or cost is a little ambiguous.

Chapel Construction has been extraordinarily responsive and diligent and has offered up some interim estimates of time and money—both tentatively good news. They honestly do not see how they would not be able to have the

full Undercroft finished and available for the Holiday Bazaar the week before it gets “installed”, but they warn that the new bathrooms and elevator may not be available. Similarly, the one “allowance” in their bid, the concrete work below the existing foundation, “appears” to be adequate now that they’ve done full excavation. Secondly, although there have been a fair number of unanticipated adds, we seem to be “in the ballpark” for the total dollar amount contained in the original bid that was allocated towards “contingency”.

As Properties chair, I cannot stress strongly enough the tentative quality of determinations like these in projects such as this. Although I think the readiness of the Undercroft for the Holiday Bazaar will be “knowable” within a week, the final dollar amounts will only resolve themselves once the project gets very near completion. Obviously, you will be the first to know!

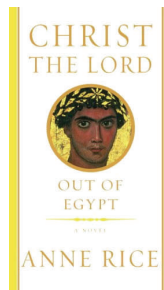
Annual Cook and Care Walk-A-Thon



A three mile walk plus food, fun and entertainment to benefit Community Soup Kitchen, Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers and FISH of Greater New Haven.

The Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 18** at Edgerton Park (Corner of Whitney Avenue and Cliff Street) at **1:00 pm**.

Book Group to meet October 27



The next Book Group meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 27** at **7:30 pm** at the home of Julianne and Boyd Griffin, 134 Everit Street, New Haven.

The book we will discuss is *Christ the Lord, Out of Egypt*, by Anne Rice.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the Book Group for any or all meetings. The book list and schedule is found at Trinity’s website (www.trinitynewhaven.org), go to “What We Do” and look for “Book Group” under “Fellowship”.

Trinity’s Publishing Deadlines



Do you or your group/committee need to publish an article/announcement in the Still Small Voice, eNews or bulletins?

Deadline for the eNews and bulletins is **at least** one week before the publishing day, preferably on Wednesday, but two weeks notice would be appreciated. Please note that addition of announcements to bulletins is based on space availability. Deadlines for the Still Small Voice are on the table.

Still Small Voice Edition	Deadline to Submit Articles	Mailed / emailed by
November	October 15	End of October
December	November 15	End of November
January	December 15	End of December
February	January 15	End of January

Holiday Bazaar Update

Trinity's 17th Annual Holiday Bazaar: **Thursday, November 19th** through **Sunday, November 22nd**.

Support the efforts of the Bazaar...whether by helping with crafts, donating items for sale or items for the Silent Auction or Raffle, volunteering time or gifts of treasure; and especially by patronizing the Bazaar, bringing friends to shop and introducing them to Trinity. All monies raised go toward the restoration of the stained glass windows and the construction of the handicapped bathrooms. Come be part of the legacy.



Spread the word: This year we are actively seeking folks to put Holiday Bazaar lawn signs in front of their homes. Be a poster hanger. Volunteer to hang posters in your local community centers, libraries, grocery stores and area businesses. Will you volunteer for your neighborhood in New Haven, Hamden, Branford, West Haven, Orange, and East Haven? Contact Karen Isaacs at karenisaacs@sbcglobal.net or hbazaar@optonline.net.



Tag Sale Items: Please continue to collect things for the Tag Sale, especially "Gifts that Give Again." In the interest of anticipated condensed set-up time, feel free to price your own items. Also, donations must be clean and ready to sell, thanks for your cooperation with this. Contact Leigh Lindsay at (203) 214-6475 or leighlindsay@sbcglobal.net with questions.

Silent Auction: This year, many people will be contacted by email so you may directly respond with your donation. Donation forms are available in the church vestibule. Donations are gotten by the personal ask of someone you know, a place you frequent or a personal donation. Get together with a group or a friend and make a donation. Suggested items include: gift certificates for restaurants, nail salons, car care, wine baskets, vacation home or weekend getaways, kitchen utensils, tool kits or power tools; a home cooked meal, a fancy dessert, cookies or bread. Contact Rose Pawlikowski at (203) 281-0072 or rapawlik98@hotmail.com.



Crafting, Sewing, and Knitting: A craft session will be held on **October 7** at the home of Mary Ann Stroup from **9:30 am** until **12:00 pm**. All are welcome. **Sewers** are desperately needed we have several unfinished items. Contact Mary Ann.



Knitting: Watch for our next knitting session in the bulletin and enews.



Bake Sale & Cookie Walk: If you would like to volunteer to bake, contact Jackie Murray at dmurray04@sbcglobal.net or Fran Hofmeister at whofmeister@sbcglobal.net. Suggestions include jams, breads,

condiments, cakes and homemade cookies for the cookie walk. We are especially looking for a few individuals willing to do emergency baking during the bazaar if we run out of cookies.



Basket Raffle: If you or your group are interested in donating a themed basket valued at \$100, contact Barbara Hedberg at bhedberg@snet.net—a few more baskets are needed.

Sign-Up Sunday for the Bazaar is **Sunday, November 1** after all the services. More than ever with the construction we need your help.

Always, any questions, ideas or anything contact Mary Ann Stroup at hbazaar@optonline.net or 799-3595

Onward to Holiday Bazaar 2009—Less than two months away.

Youth Group News

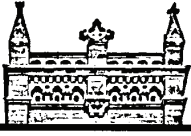
There will be NO Youth Group Meeting on **Sunday, October 4** or the next **Sunday, October 11**. On **Sunday, October 18**, both the Jr. High (grades 6-8) and the Sr. High (grades 9-12) will participate in the Cook and Care Walk-a-thon. Registration begins at **1:00 pm** and the walk begins at **2:00 pm**. We will resume our normal meeting time of **4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** on **October 25**. Both youth groups meet at St. Paul & St. James Church (Chapel and Olive Streets).

Chapel on the Green Anniversary Celebration

Since **November 2008**, Trinity has coordinated a service on Upper Green to all those who do not feel comfortable within the walls of a church. We enthusiastically invite all of you to help us celebrate our first Anniversary on **All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1**. Joining us on the Green are: the New Haven Department of Health, administering seasonal flu shots; New Haven Visiting Nurses Association with blood pressure screenings; Community Network of Greater New Haven with housing information; Drums Not Guns performing beats in a large drumming circle and Columbus House, shelter providers.

Trinity Church on the Green
October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 September	28	29	30	1 October	2	3
7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a -10:45a Christian Education for Children 11:00a Morning Prayer, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 1:00p Yarnworks & Knitting Ministry (away) 2:00p Chapel on the Green 4:00p - 6:00p Jr. & Sr. Youth Group at St. PJs PROPER 21 Preacher: THE REV. ALEX DYER	5:30p Stewardship Committee Meeting, Parish Office	5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	12:10p Eucharist and Healing Service 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	12:00p AI Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal	4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	11:00a Blessing of the Animals
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THE MISSION OF TRINITY CHURCH

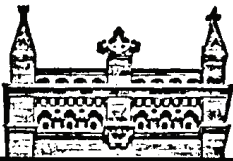
God's love calls us to proclaim with joy the good news of Jesus Christ, to welcome all people into the community of faith, and to serve Christ through serving others.

THE MINISTERS OF TRINITY

All the people of Trinity Church

THE CLERGY:

The Rev. James W. H. Sell, *Interim Rector*
The Rev. Estelle Webb, *Associate for Pastoral Ministries*
The Rev. Alex Dyer, *Associate for Parish Life*



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