

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

NEWSLETTER FOR TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH ON THE GREEN



Dear Friends,

In this year of 2012 I warmly invite you to join Trinity as a place where we can build church together. Giving shape to our church community is core to being Christian. Church is not simply some idea coming

straight from God or conceived by a clergy team. The living church is a community event in which we all participate to create an environment of and for God and of and for each other, where we all can bloom as Christians.

At Trinity, community building is one of our strengths, but once in a while it is important to reassess if we are building a community that is authentic to our unique calling as Trinity on the Green in New Haven. Within all the denominations of Christianity, and within all the Anglican churches across the globe, God has a particular calling for our congregation, just as God has a particular calling for every congregation. God calls us by name. Therefore, it is essential that we occasionally come together to ask and listen for what God is calling us to do next. This season of winter is the perfect time collectively to silence ourselves to hear God's next invitation for our church life.

Our Annual General Meeting at the end of this month, on Sunday, January 29, will serve as a prelude to the community building project in which we are about to engage. We will gather to share about numerous accomplishments on several levels of our parish life, to vote for new leaders to guide us toward our future, and to pledge our personal investment in building our church in this new year.

Then, on Saturday, March 3rd, we will undertake our next important community-building event: a parish retreat. All are invited to be part of this day of prayer and reflection during which time we will engage in common visioning about our future and establish the goals for the life and mission of Trinity Church.

Building a church community is a project of dialogue and participation where your voice and input is required to transform our parish into a place where we all can belong. Without your input, we cannot possibly become fully who we are called to be. So please read through this issue, pray about where we have been and where we might be called to go next, and bring an open heart to these two important meetings during this winter period of reflection.

Blessings,

Sunday, January 29, 2012

Two Services:

7:45 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite One

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite One

11:30 a.m. - Annual Parish Meeting & Potluck

Join us for our important annual meeting following a **10:00 a.m.** combined service. Parishioners are invited to elect vestry members and hear other important information about the life of Trinity. **Please help out with the potluck.** If your last name begins with: **A-K** bring a side dish or a salad; **L-Z** bring a main dish. All dishes should feed at least 8 people and remember to label your dishes and serving utensils. **IMPORTANT:** Please bring food ready to serve or requiring a quick reheat as oven space is limited.

Pre-Annual Meeting 2012

| Worship Attendance | |
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| December 4 | |
| 7:45 | 34 |
| 9:00 | 89 |
| 11:00 | 173 |
| 2:00 | 39 |
| December 11 | |
| 7:45 | 28 |
| 9:00 | 102 |
| 11:00 | 175 |
| 2:00 | 59 |
| December 18 | |
| 7:45 | 26 |
| 10:00 | 318 |
| 2:00 | 67 |
| December 24 | |
| 5:00 | 130 |
| 10:30 | 689 |
| December 25 | |
| 11:00 | 76 |
| 2:00 | 48 |

Vestry Highlights: November

Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2011, Meeting: It was MOVED and SECONDED that the minutes of the Vestry meeting held on October 17, 2011, be approved as submitted. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Rector's Report: A candidate was offered the position of Associate Rector, but since there was subsequently a breakdown in communications, the offer was withdrawn. Another candidate would have been available only part time; also, that candidate was not comfortable with Rite I and East-facing celebration of Eucharist, so that candidate withdrew from consideration. The process has pointed out a need for updated human resources guidelines. The Rector solicited assistance with that process, and Murray Harrison volunteered to assist.

Treasurer's Report: The accountants currently preparing the 2010 audit have recommended that income earned on temporarily restricted assets be classified as unrestricted as of January 1, 2010, provided that the Vestry votes to accept the temporarily restricted balances as of December 31, 2009, presented by the previous accounting review. It was MOVED and SECONDED as follows:

Be it resolved that, in light of the accounting recommendation to classify all income earned on temporarily restricted assets as unrestricted, the balances in temporarily restricted net assets as stated in the December 31, 2009 Trinity audit be accepted.

The motion passed unanimously

Vestry Team and Committee Reports:

Finance: Barbara Hedberg presented the recommendations of the Finance Team. The auditor had some questions in completing the audit and needs guidance from the Vestry. One issue relates to gifts to the church for a particular purpose and whether the income from these gifts should be restricted as well. A new law in 2008 permits more flexibility in this regard, so that the church may act in good faith in determining whether to restrict the income from gifts while at the same time respecting the intention of the donor of the gift. It was MOVED and SECONDED as follows:

While the Vestry acknowledges that the law supports the Vestry's right to redirect Restricted, as well as Temporarily Restricted funds donated for various purposes, and the audit should reflect that fact, it is the position of Trinity Church on the Green and its Vestry to honor the donor's intent wherever possible.

The motion passed unanimously.

With respect to follow-up on the Capital Campaign, the auditors have recommended creating a reserve in the 2010 audit for the balance of unpaid pledges which it is not anticipated will be paid. Accordingly, it was MOVED and SECONDED as follows:

The Vestry supports creating a Capital Campaign Reserve in the 2010 Audit for the balance of unpaid and unlikely to be paid pledges for the Capital Campaign.

The motion passed unanimously. It was felt that creation of the reserve will promote the goal of transparency in the budget process. The Finance Team plans to work on creating guidelines for gifting to Trinity. The auditors are hoping to report to the Vestry at the next Vestry meeting and will be meeting with the Finance Team on December 12.

Vestry Bulletin Board: Candy Carl-Stannard and Sara Stadler were designated to be in charge of the Bulletin Board, which will contain Vestry procedures and the Nominating Committee's slate, as well as highlights from the Vestry minutes following their approval at the following Vestry meeting.

Parish Life:

- **Holiday Bazaar:** The Vestry expressed thanks to Mary Ann for her work on the Bazaar. Mary Ann stated that the goal of bringing along the next generation of workers occurred this year, and many new people volunteered to serve. It appears that more than \$32,000 was raised this year.

Continuing Business:

• Proposals from the Rector:

1. **Campus Ministry:** It was proposed that Trinity collaborate with The Episcopal Church, beginning with a lecture series over 5 Sundays in Lent targeted to the student population at Yale.
2. **Chapel on the Green:** There is a new coordinator for Chapel on the Green, Mark Colville. Mark and his wife are sharing this responsibility while also running Catholic Worker in the Hill neighborhood. They are willing to be advocates for the Episcopal Church and have access to a lot of resources. The Rector stated that Trinity needs to take ownership of Chapel on the Green. It was noted that liability insurance is provided through Trinity Church. Currently, 1 Vestry member is on the Board of Chapel on the Green, and there should be more. It was MOVED and SECONDED that Trinity Church formally recognize Chapel on the Green as one of its Sunday services and ministries. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- There was discussion of the possibility of forming a group such as "Friends of the New Haven Green." The Mayor has a committee working on the 375th anniversary of New Haven, which could include discussion of stewardship of the Green and participation and promotion of the Green. The Rector will follow up on this, and Barbara Lamb will be involved as well. This presents an opportunity for Trinity to participate more fully in New Haven life.
- The Vestry expressed thanks to Heather Tookes-Alexopoulos for her service to Trinity as Treasurer.
- Barbara Fennelly led a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 for a shower in honor of the expected birth of Heather's baby boy.

23rd African American Read-In

Sunday, February 5, 2012 Immediately Following the 9:00 a.m. Service



Join over a million readers in celebration of the 23rd year of the African American Read-In, sponsored by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English and the NCTE. This will be the eighth year for our participation here at Trinity. As in previous years, we hope to have readers of all ages, from all three services, and from the community. Those of you who have read previously, why not invite a relative, friend, classmate, or colleague to join you. The two of you may

wish to consider a different text by the same author, a text on the same theme, or one from the same period in African American history and culture, for example slavery or the current time, as you explore the many choices.

Choose any short piece of literature or an excerpt from a longer text written by an African American author. Select from any genre that is of interest to you: poetry, drama, fiction (novels, short stories, and other narratives), non-fiction (speeches, essays, biography, autobiography, history, and others). Lists of some suggested readings and an anthology of African American Literature will be available in the library in the undercroft. You may see Linda Sheehan for a book of poetry for children. Also, search online and use your school and town libraries.

Again this year, to avoid repetitions you will be asked to submit the title and author of your text in advance. Individual readings may extend to but not exceed 5 minutes. Drama and other groups are invited to read for a maximum of 10 minutes. The Trinity Players may wish to consider a scene from an African American play performed in Connecticut or New York since our last Read-In, namely, August Wilson's *Piano Lesson*, Wilson's *Gem of the Ocean*, Katori Hall's *The Mountaintop*, or Lydia R. Diamond's *Stick Fly*.

Begin now to make your selections. Listeners, also please put **February 5th** on your calendars.

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Vestry Candidates 2012



For Treasurer

Al Atherton

My wife Peggy and I came to Trinity Church in June of 2009 when we moved to New Haven. I have served on the Finance and Investment Committees, and was named Assistant Treasurer by the Vestry in October 2011. I enjoy singing as a member of the Trinity Singers and look forward to working as a member of the newly-

formed Trinity Historical Society. I have a BA in Mathematics and Economics from Yale, am retired from IBM and from Keane Consulting, and currently work at H&R Block as a Senior Tax Advisor.

I was confirmed as an Episcopalian at St. Gregory's, Woodstock NY in 1966, and served there as Treasurer. From 1973 to 1991, we were at St. Mark's Mount Kisco, where I served on the vestry and Chairman of the Investment Committee. We then were members of St. John's Stamford for 18 years, where I served on the vestry and spent two three-year terms as Treasurer. With this background, I recognize the importance of a major aspect of the vestry's responsibility – that of: being faithful stewards of the financial resources left by those who came before us; overseeing the prudent expenditures required to keep the church operating effectively; and communicating the church's financial needs to the congregation so that they can appropriately support these needs. As Treasurer, I would be privileged to apply my experience in church financial work to that end.



For Warden

Jack Tebes

I have been a member of Trinity for almost 25 years and am completing my second term on the Vestry. During this term, I have served as Co-Chair of Trinity's Evangelism Committee and its Finance Committee, and currently Chair the Stewardship Committee. In a previous term on the Vestry, I also co-chaired the Stewardship

Committee and served on the Christian Education Committee as co-editor of *Communitas*, Trinity's Christian Education newsletter before the expansion of the Still Small Voice. Until a few years ago, I taught in Trinity's Church School for 18 years. My wife, Debby Kraemer, and I were married at Trinity, and we are the parents of two sons, Dan (22) and John (19), who have been blessed to have Trinity as their spiritual home. I work as a clinical/community psychologist and professor at the Yale School of Medicine where I direct a university-community center focused on community-based services, research, consultation, and service system development. I feel very fortunate to have found Trinity years ago, and would be honored to serve as Warden.

For Vestry



Caren Carpenter

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate for Trinity Church's vestry. My family and I have worshiped at Trinity for 20 years. We are drawn to this community by many of its outstanding qualities: the clergy, the music, the youth program, outreach, and the fellowship. My husband and I attend the 11 o'clock service, and we both serve as ushers. I find this ministry particularly satisfying as it allows me a personal interaction with the entire Trinity community and a chance to acquaint newcomers with our beautiful church and to offer our welcome. Through the years I have also worked with the Christmas Bazaar and served on the Hospitality Committee. I have previously served on the vestry and found it very rewarding to be a part of a committed group of parishioners who have a desire to build consensus and a confident vision for the future of Trinity. I am grateful for the opportunity to offer service during this new and exciting time at Trinity.



Britta E. Chambers

Trinity Episcopal Church is a very special place to me. I have been a member since 2001, and except for being out of town, or sick, have attended the 11:00 service every Sunday since then. The excellent and uplifting sermons, the glorious music and the friendly people, as well as the beautiful architecture and windows, all combine to make it a true spiritual experience to belong here.

I have served two terms on the Home Board, have helped with the Holiday Bazaar, am a regular in the Crafting Ministry, and have made many friends in the Supper Clubs and recently joined the Book Group. I am also an occasional usher.

My work experience as the Business Manager of Hamden Hall Country Day School for twenty years may be of help to the Vestry.

It is a great honor to be asked to stand for election to the Vestry, and if I am chosen I will endeavor to serve diligently and faithfully in every way I can. It would be a pleasure to give my time and energy to Trinity, where I have been given so much.



Lisa Omark

In 1995 I began to look for an Episcopal church where I could find a spiritual home. Two parishioners, one a colleague and the other a friend, told me about their joyful experiences worshipping at Trinity Church on the Green. I decided to give it a try, and, from the moment I entered our big wooden doors, I felt welcomed. During that first service, I knew

that Trinity would be a church where I could find a community in faith. Since then, I have regularly attended the 7:45 or the 11:00 services, finding not only a community in faith, but also a spiritual home that has nurtured and comforted me. I am so proud to be a member of our congregation.

Currently I serve on the Altar Guild and usher at the 11:00 service. For fifteen years, I worked with the children of the church to present the annual Christmas Pageant. Initially, I served as an assistant director; then, in 1997, I became the director and continued in that role until 2009. Finally, I served on the Vestry from 2005 through 2008. Through these opportunities, I've had the pleasure of working with many people and am always in awe of what we, as a congregation, can accomplish together.

I am honored to stand for election to the 2012 Trinity Vestry. I look forward to working with others to further the mission of our wonderful church and to support our community in faith in every way I can.



Peter Parodi

I am a life-long Connecticut resident and currently live in Hamden. I am a former Catholic School teacher and worked for nine years in the retail industry as an area sales manager. I have been a member of Trinity for close to ten years now and have been actively involved on many fronts.

Currently I serve as an Acolyte, not only on Sundays but for most of the funerals and weddings as well. I also serve as an usher for the 11 am service, the service I usually attend, in addition to the Wednesday noontime service. I

have been especially active with the Holiday Bazaar, baking cookies, making ornaments, crafting with both the Wed and Fri crafts groups. I volunteer every day of the Bazaar, helping with clean-up and set-up. I have previously participated with the Trinity Players as well.

I am anxious to make a further contribution of my time to serve on Vestry as I believe it is important for the governing body of the church to have a broad array and diversity of opinions. There have been a lot of changes within Trinity over the last few years, and I expect that with our new leadership more changes are probably inevitable. I'd very much like to be a part of that effort.

Mary Ellen Savage



I have attended Trinity for 15 years. My then elementary school aged children became quickly involved in activities and were able to make the lifelong connection to a church which I had hoped for in bringing them to Trinity. I too have made such a connection to this wonderful community. In the past, I have served as a lay reader, as well as on the Stewardship Committee, the Vestry 2000-

2003, and the Executive Committee. I am well aware of some of the challenges we face in growing our community, funding our programs, maintaining both this historical church as well its historical contribution to the surrounding community in order to carry out our mission of service to others. I am especially pleased with our involvement in "the ministry on the Green" as an example of our commitment to the New Haven community. I would be glad to bring my abilities to these tasks as a member of the Vestry.



Patricia Thurston

In 1999, shortly after moving to New Haven, a friend and neighbor invited me to worship at Trinity. The moment I walked in the door of this welcoming parish community I knew I was home. From the beginning, this faith community has constantly encouraged me to continue questioning, searching, doubting, and growing. As I began to become an active

participant in church life, I attended a new members' forum. This class series encouraged an already deepening bond with individual members and the mission of this community.

Soon after, I enjoyed learning from and collaborating with the Associate Rector and others to teach a series on exploring all aspects of our faith, from studying basic beliefs to discussing the history and purpose of our liturgy and liturgical practices. The experience deepened both my knowledge of and passion for spiritual growth.

I've been ushering nearly as long as I've been worshipping at Trinity, and greatly appreciate every invitation to participate in this aspect of our worship experience. I very much hope I can make people feel as welcome and comfortable as I felt when I first arrived.

Recently I accepted an invitation to participate in the Trinity Historical Society, whose mission is to honor and celebrate the history of our parish and current church building. I am constantly inspired by this community and its ability to offer new ways to serve meaningfully. I am honored to be invited to stand for the Vestry and, no matter what, will do all I am able to uphold our faith community!

**Fred Tyrrell**

I have been a member of the Episcopal Church since birth. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in New Haven, CT. I took part there in services, church school, and groups of young people that met once a week to do good deeds for the church and the community. I also sang in the youth choir.

When I was sixteen, I went to work at a jewelry store across the street from Trinity Church. I attended my first Lenten service at Trinity Church in 1964 and found beauty and comfort there. I have attended Trinity most Sundays since, becoming a member of Trinity in 1973. At Trinity, I have played the organ for a number of services, sung in the men's choir, been a greeter and served as an usher for many years at the 11:00 a.m. Service.

I am proud and honored to accept this nomination as a candidate for the Vestry of Trinity Church, and I am willing to fulfill the duties of a member of the Vestry.

**Catherine Williams**

My first exposure to Trinity was in 1998 as a Boys Choir parent for 3 years and a Girls Choir parent for 4 years. At the same time I also became a Trinity Youth Group parent for 7 years! I began pledging to Trinity in 2003 when I decided it was the least I could do in light of not only the tremendous musical education my children were receiving but also the great support and community they had at Trinity.

I have been a member of the Trinity Singers for about 8 years, have worked on the Holiday Bazaar for about 7 years, and have gone to Mississippi twice for Katrina relief work as part of Trin-

ity's Adult Mission group. I also participate in the ECW and, as I can, on Trinity's Community Outreach Committee by working on Habitat for Humanity and our initial IRIS project. I generally attend the 11 o'clock service, but have attended or sung at the 9 o'clock service and Evensong many times.

I am a lawyer with Connecticut Legal Services, Inc., a not-for-profit organization providing free legal services to the poor. It has been my good fortune to make a difference in the lives of my young clients. If elected to Trinity's Vestry, I will do a job deserving of the honor of having been nominated. With our wonderful new rector, we have begun a new chapter at Trinity. I will be thrilled to help our spiritual community in any way I am able.

**Bob Windom**

I came to Trinity in 1984 with the ulterior motive to use the church as the site for our marriage. Annette and I stayed to become a part of the modern history of Trinity. We took part in the many special events here, enjoyed the many interesting parishioners, and appreciated the tremendous outreach that was part of the mission of the church. Personally, our children were baptized here and McAllister was confirmed here. The congregation came together to support us when Annette became ill and celebrated her life in November of 2004.

I have served in a variety of roles at Trinity as a member of the Vestry and Warden. I have participated in the stewardship campaign and worked on the Community Outreach Committee which is now the Grants Committee. I am currently the co-chair of this committee. As a member of the Search Committee for the new rector, we met, prayed, and selected the three candidates from which the Vestry chose the new rector. My journey with Trinity now leads me back to run for Vestry. I would be honored to serve in this capacity.

Committee Reports to the 2012 Annual Parish Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

The proposed 2012 operating budget will be presented to the vestry for approval later this month, and the approved budget will be reviewed with parish at this year's Annual Meeting. As it currently stands, planned expenditures are \$1,189,958. This represents a \$14,658 decrease relative to the 2011 plan. During recent years, Trinity has demonstrated a remarkable ability to do more with less and we are confident that we can continue to fulfill Trinity's mission with the planned level of spending.

Pledges and income from our endowment are the largest contributors to our operating budget. Based upon the stewardship committee's review of current and anticipated pledges received, pledge income is assumed to be \$450,000. We have received 165 pledges, totaling \$405,047 to date. While I am pleased to report 10 new pledges and 9 previous pledgers who have returned, there are still 47 pledges from 2011 that have yet to be renewed. If you have not yet had the time to renew your pledge, or if you are considering pledging to Trinity for the first time, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Trinity relies on your support. The proposed budget requires further cost-cutting measures to bring it into balance, and includes income from an additional mid-year fundraiser to supplement annual pledges. This will provide parishioners with a second opportunity to support Trinity, as economic uncertainties continue to become resolved.

The 2012 budget assumes a "two-tiered" draw from the endowment, with total funds drawn at a rate of 5.25%, down from the 5.35% rate last year. We originally hoped to draw from all funds at the 5.05% rate in our continued effort to adjust our spending to a target level of 4.5%. However, continued financial pressures, combined with the desire to support Trinity's vibrant programs, makes the reduction in draw more gradual than we would like. Some designated expense items, nevertheless, are budgeted at the target 4.5% level. The Finance Commission's long range plan includes an effort to move closer to the targeted 4.5% on all budget items over the next two years, as it is congregation's responsibility to consider the impact that today's draw on the endowment has on Trinity's future.

Most expenses have been held flat or are set to grow with inflation (assumed to be 2%). There are three significant exceptions. First, Trinity will incur one-time expenses of approximately \$8,000 as we relocate the church office to the Christian Science space. Not only will this space be more convenient and welcoming, the terms of our new lease will allow save money, relative to our current rent costs, in the long run. Second, we are expecting an increase of approximately \$5,000 in professional fees due to our recent transition from annual reviews to full audits (see the Finance Commission report for more details). Third, health care costs for staff continue to rise (an increase of 13% for 2012); however, these are being offset by the savings generated by the delayed hire of a new Associate Rector, as well as more general efforts to decrease administrative costs (e.g., office supplies, postage, printing).

I, along with Al Atherton (the Treasurer Elect) and the entire Finance Commission, look forward to our continued discussions and to your ideas regarding Trinity's finances.

Heather Tookes Alexopoulos, *Treasurer*

SPIRITUAL LIVE/WORSHIP



ACOLYTES

In 2011, due to increased interest from young parishioners, Trinity's Acolyte Corp removed age restrictions from the 11:00 a.m. acolyte requirements and worked with clergy to expand the roles of acolytes in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. There are now approximately 30 individuals on the 11:00 a.m. acolyte rota, with 7-8 assigned to acolyte each week. The acolytes range in age from 3 1/2 years old through 65+ and the group includes Sunday School children, choir boys and girls, youth, and adults from all walks of life. In addition to regular Sunday morning services, this year, these acolytes continued to take on new challenges and to serve at Evensong and special week-

day services such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and the Installation of our new Rector. Many also gave their time at Saturday services such as the Great Vigil of Easter and funerals.

In August of this year, we were excited to have enough interest from youth and adults at the 9:00 a.m. service to restart the 9:00 a.m. Acolyte ministry. The rota is still very small and currently consists of 5 individuals who serve regularly, but we continue to work toward growing the ministry and expanding the role of acolytes in the 9:00 a.m. service.

All acolytes participated in an acolyte retreat and training day with the Rev. Luk De Volder in the early fall, where we bonded as a group and introduced our 2011-2012 theme: **Trinity's Acolyte Corp: Helping Hands at the Altar of God**. This year we have seen a lot of growth in our acolytes and we have been able to assist the clergy in leading more complicated liturgy than we have in the past. Additionally, many acolytes have been cross-trained for serving as chalice bearers and fill this role on a regular basis.

Future plans for the Acolytes include continuing to grow the ministry, especially at the 9:00 a.m. service. Additionally, we would like to continue gain skill and comfort in the liturgy, taking on more responsibilities in the services, and adding acolytes to more funerals, weddings, and Evensongs. All are welcome and encouraged to join us.

Karrie Hendrickson, *Acolytes Chair*

ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild is one of many programs at Trinity in which members do their work mostly out of view. Ours is usually accomplished before you walk in the door. The flowers are arranged. The communion elements have been set out. The candles have been changed. The linens have been washed/ironed. And the brass and silver have been polished. We generally work on Saturday mornings and before and after each service on Sunday. We also help, when we are able, with the preparation and clean-up for weddings and funerals.

Doing this work enables us to feel a special part of each worship service. Doing this work provides an opportunity to get to know a variety of Trinity members who may attend other services. And doing this work allows each of us to be a part of a very special community of people who care about each other and support each other beyond the confines of the sacristy.

This year, it has been a special joy to get acquainted with Luk, our new rector. The seemingly endless search process and, at last, his arrival have generated a new level of energy and excitement at Trinity. Each of us has every reason to look forward to growing spiritually under his leadership. And the potential for us as a church to grow in numbers and to make an impact on the Greater New Haven Area is great.

I thank, especially, Joanne McKeand, whose faithful and diligent work with the flower component of our altar guild has resulted not only in beautiful flower arrangements, but in wonderful opportunities for the creative expression of many of our members.

Please join me in thanking the following people for their faithful service in 2011:

Nancy Ahlstrom

Pat Cavanagh

Elizabeth Duenkel

Elizabeth Duenkel

Ellen Freiler

Janet Hutchins

Kim Morris

Nancy Piehler

Sis Schlesinger

Barclay Smith

Peggy Atherton

Laura Davis

Anna Foster

Anna Foster

Carolyn Gould

Doris Manseau

Alycyn Nettleton

Margie Pikaart

Nancy Schumacher

Sara Stadler

Ruth Bryant

Carol Douelger

Landa Freeman

Landa Freeman

Karrie Hendrickson

Joanne McKeand

Lisa Omark

Bonnie Sargent

Janie Shaver

Denise Sternberg

Jan Tredwell, *Altar Guild Chair*



CHAPEL ON THE GREEN

Chapel on the Green is the urban outreach ministry of Trinity, serving the poor, homeless, and those more comfortable worshipping outside the church building. Each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. we offer a fourth service—outdoor Eucharist with lunch, pastoral and physical support. This ministry implements a new ecclesial model, focusing on church as a network of connections, bringing laity and church leaders together to bond and celebrate. This networking is facilitated through our organization as a crossroads for clergy who participate and provide leadership and through inviting surrounding churches and community groups to join in the service and provide and serve lunch.

November 6th marked the third anniversary of Chapel on the Green. In our first three years over 18,000 people have attended our outdoor services, supported by a growing network of 18 parishes, congregations and community groups who partner with us and lunch sponsors, as well as dozens of area clergy and Yale Divinity school students who preach, preside, celebrate and join in the service. Our attendance has grown from an average of 45 attendees in our first year with five volunteers and 60 lunches distributed to our current average of 80 - 100 attendees with 150 - 200 lunches distributed. The growth we are experiencing is phenomenal and speaks to the need for what we are able to offer. We are truly living into our watchwords "Feeding bodies, feeding souls."

Chapel on the Green has transformed from receiving ministry to a ministry of reciprocal relationship that strengthen and nourish all those who serve and participate. A key area of growth has been in youth ministry, as serving at Chapel on the Green is now an integral part of a youth group and confirmation programs in the New Haven and Fairfield county dioceses. We have also shared what we are learning together with those in the diocese and elsewhere who have been discerning a call to develop similar ministries in their communities.

In addition to our weekly service, we host health screenings, a Maundy Thursday outdoor Foot Care Service and Clinic with Bishop Ian Douglas, Good Friday Stations of the Cross and retreats for youth across Connecticut. Our Community Works committee acts as host for barbeques for the 4th of July and our annual birthday celebration. Thanks especially to Warner Marshall and Ed Pikaart for all their work as grill masters for these special lunches.

2011 was a year of much change, growth and transition for Chapel on the Green. Long time coordinator Chris Evans left to take on more responsibilities at Columbus House in June. Trinity parishioner and seminarian Catherine Amon took on the job as interim coordinator through mid-November to keep things going as Luk arrived and settled in to find a replacement for Chris. We are excited about our new coordinators, Mark and Luz Colville, who have run Amistad Catholic Worker House on Rosette Street in New Haven for 17 1/2 years. (Please visit their web site to better grasp the extent of their life's commitment and daily help to New Haven's poorest citizens: www.amistadcw.wordpress.com).

Catherine Amon, *Chapel on the Green Former Interim Coordinator*

CHOIRS & MUSIC COMMITTEE

2011 was another year of many musical blessings at Trinity. Music continues to comfort, nourish and inspire us all and is integral to our worship.

The Wendell H. Piehler Memorial Organ Series continued in 2011. In January and March we welcomed back assistant organists John Abdenour, Peter Stoltzfus, Erik Suter and Jared Johnson. They blessed us with their presence and talent in two concerts in January and March. In February, a large crowd turned out, eager to watch Buster Keaton's "The General" accompanied by renowned organist John Schwandt. It was a lively popcorn and fun filled evening enjoyed by all. The series for 2011 concluded on April 30th with a magnificent concert by Stephen Tharp. We thank all who generously contributed to the Series, especially to Nancy Piehler, whose generous donation made possible the establishment of the series. It was a fitting tribute to Wendell and his love for music and for our organ. Special thanks to Andy Kotylo for his vision and energy in making the organ series such an outstanding success.

We bid goodbye to Benjamin Straley in June, after three years of very dedicated service to the music program and to the parish as Organ Scholar. Our thanks to Benjamin for sharing his spirit, musical talents and vision, his strong understanding of ministry and good humor with all of us - not just with those in the choirs. Benjamin is thankfully still close by at St. Peter's in Cheshire, serving a year as their Seminarian Intern as he completes his Master of Divinity degree in May of 2012. We are glad that he will continue to be with us at Trinity from time to time. Beginning with the August Choir Camps, we welcomed Stephen Buzard as our new Organ Scholar, and he quickly established himself as a gifted organist and conductor who understands the breadth of what a church music program needs to be. He and Meghan Murray have quickly become part of the Trinity family. We look forward to Stephen's work with us through the Spring of 2013.



The Choir of Men & Boys

The Choir of Men & Boys welcomed seven novice boys in the fall. They sing regularly at 11:00 Sunday services, Evensongs, and other special services and appearances outside of the church. The Boys' special events so far this program year have included appearances singing the National Anthem prior to a Bridgeport Bluefish baseball game in September and the October Mozart Requiem project in New York. In early December they blessed us with a magnificent Christmas Concert which never disappoints.



The Choir of Men and Girls

The Choir of Men and Girls graduated only one girl in the Spring of 2011, so they took in only one Novice to date, but recruitment will continue through the Spring of 2012. They sing at the 11 o'clock service on Sundays, as well as Evensongs, other special services and appearances outside of Trinity. They were a part of the October Mozart Requiem project in New York and sang Duruflé's Requiem with the Musica Sacra of St. Peter's Church in Cheshire at our annual Choral Eucharist for All Faithful Departed in November. Their January service of Epiphany Lessons and Carols is one to which we look forward each year.

We are fortunate to have two volunteer choirs which bless us with their music at various services throughout the year. The work of these groups adds much to the fabric of our worship, and we are indeed grateful for their ministry. In recent months we have also been blessed when they have joined forces, providing memorable moments in several of our services. While each group is a distinct group, it is wonderful that they can occasionally collaborate, and we look forward to more such occasions in the future.



The Spirit Singers

The Spirit Singers have had a year of transition in the music program at the 9:00 am service. As members of the choir and congregation, they are enthusiastically contributing to the process of finding a new vision and a more effective format for the 9:00 service. They have been visiting many other churches that have a "contemporary" service, attending workshops, and taking part in ongoing discussions and meetings concerning this new vision. Their spirit and love for Trinity is an inspiration to us all. This group of enthusiastic, energetic singers work with Roy Mazzacane, dir; Phyllis Silver, piano; and Gail Novaco, guitar/recorder and they presently sing two Sundays a

month from September through May. Rehearsals are held on the Thursday before their scheduled Sunday, at the church, usually in the Undercroft. The Spirit Singers have an active membership of 19 with three new young members from West Haven High School. They are always eager to accept new singers and instrumentalists. Contact Roy if you are interested.



The Trinity Singers

The Trinity Singers—currently numbering about two dozen enthusiastic volunteer

members—sing one or two services a month, with the Service Lessons and Carols on the First Sunday

in Advent standing as a high point of the current season. They occasionally join forces with choirs from other churches to present special services at Trinity and neighboring churches. As with the Spirit Singers, many of the choir's members are very active in other parts of parish life - the choir

is their way to serve the parish musically. Walden, Andy and Stephen all three work with this hard-working group, each bringing his own gifts to the mix, with an overall emphasis on building the individual voice to fit within the larger structure so that the choir can most effectively serve the church at any service needed. The group is always welcoming new singers. Rehearsals take place in the church or choir room most Thursdays of the academic year. More information about joining can be obtained by contacting Walden Moore.

Heartfelt thanks go to Walden, Andy, Roy, Stephen, Phyllis and Gail for their ongoing hard work and talents which make Trinity's music program such a blessing and an inspiration. We are truly blessed to have them in our midst, and their ministry adds much to the life of Trinity. We are also grateful for the new ministry of Luk DeVolder, who has already shown a deep understanding of the place and effectiveness of music in a worship service.

Barbara Hedberg, *Music Committee Chair*



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The 2011-2012 Church School session was very successful. *Inside Out and Upside Down on Main Street*, the 2011 summer program, turned the Undercroft into Main Street USA and taught the children how God was a part of their lives every day. Attendance was incredible with an average of nineteen children for the ten Sundays the program ran.

Godly Play, a Montessori based curriculum, has become a blessing to both children and teachers alike. We have watched the children blossom in this second year of *Godly Play*. As children have

“graduated from the grades 1-3 classroom, we have opened another classroom for grades 4-6 next to the library.

Many parishioners have donated *Godly Play* lessons or contributed their wood working talents to help make *Godly Play*'s growth smooth.

The children and staff are very grateful for everyone's generosity.

Our wonderful teaching teams continue their dedicated ministry to Trinity's youngest members. Jehanara Samuel and Janet Hutchins share the responsibilities of the Preschool-Kindergarten class. Margaret Phelps and Jackie Murray brought *Godly Play* to grades 1-3. Hal Chen and John Samuel are sharing responsibility for the new grade 4-6 class.

This year's Christmas pageant included forty plus members of the Church School, girl's choir and choir siblings. It was a perfect blend of Trinity youth.

Linda J. Sheehan, *Church School Director*

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The Liturgy Committee was formed this year to assist the Rector in matters pertaining to worship. Researching different models of worship for the nine o'clock service is a current project of the committee. The Liturgy Committee will assume responsibility for the parish retreat in March.

Carol Davidson, *Liturgy Committee Chair*

USHERS

Trinity's 11 o'clock ushers serve in important and yet quietly inconspicuous capacities. During their training period they are reminded that they are there to serve visitors as well as those who have chosen to make Trinity Church their spiritual home. Ushering duties include extending friendly welcomes to newcomers and regulars alike, answering questions, relaying messages, taking up offerings, facilitating the distribution of communion, counting those present at the services for record-keeping purposes, and numerous other functions. On a typical Sunday six ushers are needed to carry out these tasks; this number swells to as many as twenty for major services such as Easter Day and Christmas Eve. A team of about thirty people is necessary to provide enough rotation so that each usher serves about once each month. Those wishing to consider ushering at the 11 o'clock service are encouraged to contact Joe Dzeda, head usher, for details.

Joe Dzeda, 11:00 a.m. *Head Usher*

PASTORAL CARE



CIRCLE OF CARING

The Circle of Caring is a culmination of prayer requests and sent by email as needed or weekly basis. Please contact gloria.hoda@yale.edu to be added to either the email list or the paper mailing. Michael Stringer continues to mail paper copies to those who do not have email.

To request prayers, please send an email to trinitycircleofcaring@gmail.com.

Gloria Hoda, *Circle of Caring Coordinator*



CONFERENCE CALL MINISTRY

Every Sunday, at both the 9 and 11 o'clock service, if you look up to the balcony above the lectern, you will see one of the faithful volunteers who make the conference call happen each week. Thanks to Pat Pawlikowski, George Gillin, Jr., Barbara McGhie, John Irvine, Ray Chappell, Margie Pikaart, Ed Pikaart, and Neil Olsen who attend to the conference call so that folks who are unable to attend the service for whatever reason are able to call in and be a part of the service.

Barbara Fennelly, *Pastoral Coordinator*

EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The Eucharist is brought to parishioners who are unable to attend the service at church and have requested a visit. Thanks to Catherine Amon, Ellen Freiler, Barbara Fennelly, Judi Kniffin-Shattuck, and David Phelps who are currently serving on this ministry.

Barbara Fennelly, *Pastoral Coordinator*

HEALING MINISTRY

Laying on of hands for healing takes place every Sunday, at all three services in the Columbarium, during Communion and continuing through the end of the service. This is an opportunity to ask for prayers for healing, thanksgiving, guidance, or whatever need is in your heart. Thanks to those offering prayers of healing: Catherine Amon, Candy Carl-Stannard, Barbara Fennelly, Ellen Freiler, Gloria Hoda, Murray Harrison, Jane Kellogg, Judi Kniffin-Shattuck, Alycyn Nettleton, Robert Oetjen, Michele Schiraldi, Linda Sheehan, and Robert Windom.

Barbara Fennelly, *Pastoral Coordinator*



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry now has 19 active members who continue to make beautiful shawls and lap blankets that are given to those in need, grieving, or in transition. In early December 2011, Luk blessed 23 new shawls and lap blankets at the 9 and 11 o'clock services. The ministry also provided knitted items that were distributed to Chapel on the Green participants for Christmas gifts, and has donated yarn supplies to Lifehaven in New Haven, whose residents are being taught how to knit as a method of self-soothing and creativity. The Prayer Shawl Ministry will resume monthly gatherings as of January 2012. For more information, contact Candy

Carl-Stannard.

Candy Carl-Stannard, *Prayer Shawl Ministry / YarnWorks Ministry Co-Chair*

VISITING MINISTRY

This ministry, headed by Davis Phelps, is in its formative stage. Thanks to Bill Taylor who is on the team and several others who need to complete the Safe Church training. If you know of someone who would like to be visited on a regular basis, please call the church office.

ADMINISTRATION/OPERATIONS

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Role

Trinity Communications Group (TCG) assists clergy, staff, Vestry teams, committees and ministries in building communications consistency and creating a clear "voice of Trinity" within and beyond parish family.

TCG facilitates dissemination of information about Trinity to the congregation, the community and the diocese. Its support functions include:

- ensuring effective use of Trinity's "internal" media (e.g., eNews, Still Small Voice, Bulletin Boards, Sandwich Board Announcements, Church Exterior Banners, etc.)
- guiding placement of information about Trinity in local "external" media
- designing and producing descriptive and promotional materials, event and program flyers, and announcements
- administering the Trinity website
- publishing and distributing church directories.

Current members of TCG

- Michael Bingham (*vestry liaison*)
- Jenny Briggs
- Luk De Volder (*ex officio*)
- Jeff Freeman (*group leader*)
- Boyd Griffin
- Neil Olsen
- Bonnie Sargent (*on temporary leave of absence*)
- Veronica Soell
- Rich Walser

2011 Projects

“Behind the scenery” projects underway or completed in 2011 include the following:

- initiation of website update, Phase A
- media contact resulting in published interview of Luk De Volder as Trinity’s 14th rector
- ongoing maintenance of media contacts directory, for use in releasing Trinity news for publication or listing in local media.
- placement of story about Trinity Church windows, celebrating conclusion of restoration project
- PR support for 2011 Holiday Bazaar
- preparation of updated parish directory, now scheduled to be released after annual meeting in January 2012
- revitalization of Trinity bulletin boards as sources of information for all parishioners
- update of “Walk through Trinity” flyer.

Jeff Freeman, *Communications Team Leader*

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Investments Committee has met to review the current investment of the endowment and to plan a strategy going forward which will serve Trinity’s needs into the future. We have met with parishioners with expertise in this area and are in the process of meeting with Trinity’s endowment managers to review their performance and obtain their counsel regarding allocation of investments between equity and fixed income to maximize income and assure long-term growth. Of concern as well is the best investment vehicle for the generous bequest Trinity has received from the Estate of Frank Warner and the cost to Trinity of the credit lines taken out to fund the recent building renovations and other expenses in anticipation of completion of the pledges to the Capital Campaign. The results of the Committee’s work will be presented to the Vestry for careful and spiritually-guided consideration of the best financial course for Trinity in the years to come.

Carolyn Gould, *Investments Committee Chair*

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

I am pleased to say that this year’s Properties Report is relatively calm compared to the last 5 or 6. We have come through a long design, bid, build, finalization process building most of the fruits of the Capital Campaign’s generosity.

Having said that, there were, of course, elements that in any old building continue to grab our attention - most significantly our “lightning event” that exploded the northeast finial of our church tower. Damage was investigated, specs were written, bids were received and analyzed by the Properties Committee and a recommendation will be made for the Vestry to recommend an approach to our insurance company to pay for the masonry restoration. But that was literally the tip of the iceberg of the damage. Virtually all low-voltage elements within the Church proper were “fried” including a fairly scary period where we were without an alarm system. But all of those elements have been fully repaired, and, having absorbed the deductible, the insurance did cover all the costs of repairing the damages.

Additionally, we have had several work days which have involved typical cleaning and repairing and, in some cases, enhancing other elements. We have investigated innumerable small-scale electrical and physical issues, and we are in the middle of figuring out how to keep our exterior doors in relatively good shape (the repair of the rotting panels of the northwest double doors facing the Green was facilitated by repurposing the salvaged panels from the Chapel Street Entry doors which were removed to install glass – a truly “green” act of sustainability!).

Additionally, we have installed Safe Church windows to the Choir Room and the Upper Room doors, and more universally-accessible locks for both the Choir Room and the Acolyte Closet. Also, the Home Board generously financed new handrails to create double-sided user-support for the south west stairs.

Throughout all of these endeavors a sustained debt of gratitude is owed to Justin Haydu, our intrepid Sexton, whose diligence, thoughtfulness, good humor and skill has made the ongoing maintenance of this building far easier. Additionally, Sherrill Farkas has kept a remarkably diligent account of all things building, and besides his world-class work as a musician, Walden Moore, our Music Director, has an ancillary expertise in “Building Event Observation.” His ongoing inspections have headed off many small problems at the pass.

Duo Dickinson, *Properties Committee Chair*

VESTRY STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

At present, the Finance Committee consists of the following members: Jack Tebes (former Chair), Ed Pikaart, Peter Loden, Carolyn Gould, Murray Harrison, Jeff Freeman, Heather Tookes (Treasurer), Allan Atherton (Treasurer Elect) and Sara Stadler (Chair). The Committee meetings, usually on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m., are often also attended by

the Wardens, Barbara Hedberg and Warner Marshall, and by the Rev. Luk De Volder. Sherrill Farkas regularly provides the Treasurer, the Auditor and the Finance Committee with essential financial information from the Church Office. The Finance Committee has a number of tasks and responsibilities during the year, as summarized below:

1. The primary task of the Finance Committee is to review the quarterly or more frequent Treasurer's Reports on the income and expenses of the Church, consult with Luk, as well as the various Teams and Committees of the Church, in order to address their financial needs, while striving to maintain a balanced budget and minimize withdrawals from the Church's endowment.
2. The Finance Committee is also responsible for working with the Treasurer to develop a proposed budget for the coming year, to be reviewed and approved by the Vestry.
3. The Finance Committee is also responsible for reconciling the Capital Campaign expenditures with the payments from the Capital Campaign pledges.
4. As the Church's annual income now exceeds \$500,000, the Diocese requires that a full Audit (not just a Review) be conducted each year on the Church's finances. The Finance Committee was charged with interviewing and selecting an Auditor. Pamela Matocha of T.M. Byxbee & Co. conducted the 2010 Audit, which was completed and reported to the Vestry this past December.
5. The members of the Finance Committee are also the members of the Investments Committee, chaired by Carolyn Gould. The Investment Committee meets quarterly with Michael Haggerty of UBS, as well as the various money managers, to review and critique investment performance.
6. In addition to the tasks listed above, the Finance Committee plans to work with Luk, the Wardens and the Vestry in 2012 to develop a viable 5-year financial plan for Trinity Church.

Sarah Stadler, *Finance Committee Chair*

VESTRY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Governance Committee is charged with the responsibility to advise the Vestry in matters of the Bylaws, parish policy formation and review, parish organizational structure and any other matters as referred to them by the Vestry. It is also charged to review the Bylaws of Trinity Church every three years. It is comprised minimally by three vestry members.

Over the last two years, the goal of the Governance Committee was to create a relevant set of Bylaws reflecting life at Trinity in the year 2012. The Governance Committee has invested many hours collecting information from other churches, researching the literature including the Canon Laws, communicating with the diocese, sponsoring adult forums to provide education and solicit feedback from the parish. The Bylaws presented at this Parish annual meeting are in their final form.

One of the important goals of the committee for 2012 is analyze the effectiveness of the new bylaws and to create a working history so that future members of the committee will have a meaningful set of background information and data which will allow them to make future modifications in ways most appropriate for the needs of our parish.

A note of sincere thanks should go to the committee members who devoted countless hours and who embraced this gargantuan task with enthusiasm, patience, and commitment. Thank you to: Peg Chambers, Barbara Hedberg, Murray Harrison, David Phelps, the Rev. Jim Sell, the Rev. Luk De Volder.

Mary Ann Stroup, *Vestry Governance Committee Chair*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 'graduating' third year Vestry class is each year's Nominating Committee with the Rector sitting ex officio. This is confirmed by our new Bylaws! The Committee will always ask for nominations from the congregation, though we now follow a vetting process in committee.

We have recorded this process this year with success and have a slate of nine wonderful parishioners standing for Vestry! For continuity and ease of getting started, we will be handing our results over to the Vestry Class of 2013 shortly after the Annual Meeting in late January, 2012. We will also be starting a new tradition wherein the Nominating Committee will hold a Potluck and Orientation for the newly elected Vestry class in early to mid-February.

We have learned a great deal this year and now realize that the Nominating Committee's work will indeed be best begun shortly after each year's Annual Meeting. It is so important that there is prayerful discernment throughout the process. The process should not be rushed.

Peg Chambers, *Nominating Committee Chair*

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee Members are Peg Chambers, Barbara Fennelly, Dave Jenkins, Don Knapp, Kim Morris, Bob Oetjen, Mary Ann Stroup, and Jack Tebes (Chair).

Annual Pledge Drive

Many people contributed to a successful Ingathering Sunday this year. A special thank you goes to Peg Chambers who designed the new Ingathering Sunday banner, to Peg and Kim Morris who designed the table cloth and basket for the Ingathering, and to Don Knapp who constructed the table used. We are also grateful to Dave Jenkins who helped design the pledge cards and printed them for the Annual Pledge Drive as well as for the One-Time Gift Drive on Christmas Eve.

As of January 12, we have received 165 pledges for a total of \$405,047. We budgeted a pledge drive goal of \$475,000 (\$500,000 highest goal, \$450,000 minimum goal). Currently, we are at 85% of our budgeted goal. We have received 165 pledges, a figure that is down from a total of 193 pledges from last year. Thus far, there are 10 new pledges, 9 returning pledges, and 47 pledges from last year that remain outstanding. Committee members are currently in contact with parishioners who have not sent in their pledge cards, to encourage them to do so. We expect pledges from this final group of parishioners to reduce the current gap in the parish budget.

With the assistance of Jeff Freeman, from the Communications Committee, the Stewardship and Finance committees are currently working together to prepare an information card that provides further detail for parishioners and newcomers about pledging. The card will be distributed to parishioners in the winter as part of an informational event about parish programs and finances.

Stewardship Fundraising for 2012

With an anticipated gap of up to \$50,000 in pledges remaining in the parish budget, the Stewardship Committee will assist other parish groups to sponsor several fundraising events in 2012. These events will build on previous successful parish activities, such as Movie Night and concerts, that build fellowship and community.

Newcomer's Packet

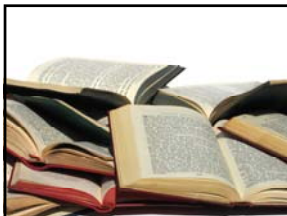
In collaboration with the Outreach & Evangelism Committee, the Stewardship Committee plans to prepare a "Newcomer's Packet" of materials that includes welcome materials, a pledge card, a summary card about parish programs and finances, and a list of parish ministries and committees.

Stewardship Procedures Manual

Committee members also plan to assemble a Stewardship Procedures Manual that includes the steps used in this year's pledge drive campaign (including sample letters, pledge cards, a testimonial schedule, etc.) as well as other Stewardship-sponsored activities. The manual can then be updated each year to ensure that previous Stewardship procedures and activities are readily available to each new Committee. In addition to making the manual available at the Parish Office, it will be posted on the Trinity intranet portal recently developed by Rich Walser.

Jack Tebes, *Stewardship Committee Chair*

PARISH LIFE



BOOK GROUP

Since the early 1980s the Trinity Book Group has met regularly to talk about a wide variety of books. We meet at each other's homes and read and discuss seven books each year. In our busy lives, we don't always get around to reading everything we have assigned to ourselves, but we sincerely try, and we inevitably have fun trying and have memorable discussions.

We are mostly parishioners of Trinity, you definitely don't have to be a professional to join our group—you only have to be especially interested in the good life of reading and talking—and, on occasion, of also sharing in good food and drink.

Once a year we meet as a group to propose and evaluate the next year's selections. After an energetic evening of sharing information about the books we are suggesting, we vote on the next year's list, and come up not only with a selection of books but also with a list of meeting dates and book group hosts. It's a somewhat unpredictable process, but we always manage to complete it in good spirits. After all, what could be more - or less - serious than a book group's selection of readings?

All are welcome. Newcomers are especially welcome. Call Jenny Briggs at (203) 624-2488 for information and directions or email her at jennifer.briggs@yale.edu.

BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE AND SELECTIONS 2011-2012

Saturday, September 17 (potluck supper)

Venue: Leroy and Carolyn Gould

Book: *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*
by Jamie Ford

Monday, March 6

Venue: Wells and Maria Brandriff

Book: *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway

Tuesday, October 18

Venue: Jenny Briggs

Book: *The Sea, The Sea* by Iris Murdoch**Monday, November 14**

Venue: Boyd and Julianne Griffin

Book: *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the present* by Gail Collins**Tuesday, December 12**

Venue: Peg Chambers

Book: *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Deborah Dean**Tuesday, April 10**

Venue: Gary and Deborah Desir

Book: *Enough: Why the World's Poorest Starve in an Age of Plenty* by Roger Thurow and Scott Kilman**Monday, June 11** (potluck supper)

Venue: Joan Dreyfus

Book: *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith**Thursday, June 27**

Venue: Skip Weldon and Nancy Brown

Book Browse (to select books for next year)

Jenny Briggs, *Book Group Coordinator***EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)**

Our fall meeting was a workshop to help guide the planning of the ECW at Trinity. Surveys were also available for those who could not attend. We will be planning a meeting between services to discuss the results. Special thanks to Eleanor Tignor who lead the workshop and collected the results of the survey.

Gloria Hoda, *ECW Chair***HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

The 19th Annual Holiday Bazaar was again a success on many fronts. It brought parishioners together as they volunteered their time to set up, take down and work hard in between in a joyful energetic way. Comments from the people from the greater New Haven Community reflected the great appreciation for having this kind of an event in the center of New Haven and clearly they appreciated the quality and variety of goods offered as well as the reasonable prices. The Bazaar truly does minister to those within our community.

This year voluntarism increased and the responsibility for the success of the bazaar shifted from the original core group who founded the bazaar to the next generation assuring the continuance of this important ministry. Financially, the bazaar remains on stable financial footing and raised approximately \$33,000. Funds will be allocated towards amortization of the remaining debt for the undercroft bathrooms and building a reserve for the future restoration and preservation of our stained glass windows. To date the Bazaar has raised \$352,000.

This year:

- Wednesday Crafting was extended year round. We range from 8 to 15 folks weekly.
- The establishment of set up and take down teams resulting in greater efficiency, and increased number of volunteers, thus reducing weekday set up time.
- Magnetic car advertisements were added and folks handed out fliers during the bazaar.
- "Gifts to Go" was successfully expanded replacing the raffle.
- The Bake Sale & Cookie Walk successfully transitioned to new leadership.
- Several folks took ownership of different areas of the craft section.
- The Holiday Bazaar sponsored several coffee hours.

Thank you to our many volunteers who worked diligently throughout the entire year. The Tag sale shined and flourished as evidenced by the continual flow of people. The people of Trinity came through for the Silent Auction in both donations and bidding to make it one of our best ever. The Food Court continues to grow with the best lunch in town. Thanks to all who donated food. The Bake Sale & Cookie Walk was a resounding success once again and thank you to all the bakers. Our dedicated knitters, sewers, and crafters including our extended Trinity family have worked all year long to give our craft section a feeling of freshness, with practical items and unique seasonal offerings. Our surprise gifts sold out on Saturday. Thank you to those who donate much to the Bazaar to decrease our cost. The Holiday Bazaar Holiday Party, graciously hosted by the Out-trims, was a grand celebration attended by over fifty people.

Please thank our committee heads and the devoted support people for their fine work and dedication to the Holiday Bazaar.

Bake Sale & Cookie Walk: Liz Dickinson, Carolyn Gould, Beth Guido, Fran Hofmeister.

Crafts /Sewing: Fran Hofmeister, Margie Pikaart, Kim Morris, Polly Fiddler, Peter Parodi, Landa Freeman, Catherine Williams, Pat Cavanagh, The Wednesday Craft group, The Friday Night Craft group

Tag Sale: Leigh Cromey, Jenny Briggs, Veronica Soell

Silent Auction: Rose Pawlikowski, Sara Scasino

Food Court : Mary Outtrim, Pat Chappell, Elizabeth Duenkel

Gifts to Go: Barbara Hedberg, Caren Carpenter, Peter Parodi, Fran Hofmeister, Margie Pikaart

Knitting: Candy Carl-Stannard, Linda Sheehan

Mary Ann Stroup, *Holiday Bazaar Chair*

Publicity: Jenny Briggs, Julianne Griffin, Karen Isaacs

Structural Set up: Rich Walser, Don Knapp

Point of Sale: Ray Chappell, John Harper, Ralph Stroup

Coffee Hour: Kim Morris

The Staff of Trinity

TRINITY HOMEBOARD

The Trinity Church Home Association was incorporated by the state in 1862 to provide a home as a refuge for the poor and friendless members of Trinity Parish. The Association is incorporated separately from Trinity Parish. From the Association's bylaws, "The Trinity Home Board [was] created for the purpose of aiding the elderly, needy, and others whom the Board considers entitled to its benefits." Through the years the Association's endowment has grown through individual gifts and from the sale of the last Trinity Home. The income from this money supports the salaries of parish workers who devote time to seniors, provides discretionary funds to be used for parishioners with special needs, and funds senior programs. Our one significant program this year was a late afternoon cruise around New Haven harbor on the schooner Quinnipiac which is anchored at the Long Wharf dock. We were fortunate to have a parishioner, Prof. Gaddis Smith, point out the interesting features and history of the harbor. The traditional Christmas tea was once again held at Whitney Center with music provided by Walden Moore.

Income from the endowment also supports special improvements to the Trinity building. This year we funded the addition of more sturdy handrails on the stairs leading to the Undercroft. We have also provided more microphones for the Trinity Players which makes their chancel dramas better available to seniors. A grant is also given to the Bazaar to help buy materials for the crafters to begin work on long before the Bazaar is a reality. Because of the current reduction in yearly income from the endowment, our outreach funding is curtailed, but we did take on a new outreach endeavor, that of providing lunch for the Atwater Senior Center. The city of New Haven has had to cut back on funding free senior lunches but George Gillin, Jr. called this to the Board's attention and we were able to provide money for the lunch program one day a week and a group of Trinity people help with the serving. Years ago Trinity helped get the Atwater Center started so we feel a special bond with that center.

The Home Board welcomes suggestions on how to strengthen its support of seniors and looks forward to another interesting and successful year in 2012.

Nancy Ahlstrom, *Trinity Home Board Chair*

TRINITY PLAYERS

Once again, The Trinity Players are pleased to have helped dramatize the GOOD NEWS to Trinity Church and greater New Haven through our Ministry of Theater. TP is open to all; we look forward to more members of the Parish becoming involved. We are pleased that so many members and past members of The Vestry have been in our plays.

In the Spring, we presented a liturgical reading on Low Sunday at the three morning services. Working with the "Green Committee," Neil Olsen and Rich Walser adapted materials from creation mystery plays and other classical materials to celebrate Earth Day.

In October, Bob directed the Gospel Drama, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Jericho" by Tom Lord. This humorous but powerful exploration of Jesus' story of "the good Samaritan" was presented at both morning services. The following Sunday we presented the play at morning service at Spring Glen Church. The Players were pleased with the enthusiastic support of our new rector, Luk.

On Saturday, December 10 the Trinity Players provided what turned out to be a lovely community event for the second straight year. Supper Theater was presented, featuring a Welsh supper, Christmas Carols, and a concert style reading of Dylan Thomas' "A Child's Christmas in Wales" (adapted by Neil Olsen). The Undercroft was filled with people of all ages and with good holiday cheer.

In the future, we would like to continue our thirty-six-year tradition of presenting short liturgical dramas within the context of worship. We also hope to present at least one other theater event for the congregation and the community at large.

One concern is the aging of our group. As I grow older and spend some of my time in sunny Arizona with my wife, it is important that we find younger leadership. Please step forward, Christian Thespians. And finally, thank you for letting us play for Our Lord.

Rev. Robert D. Sandine, *Minister of Drama*

YOUNG ADULTS

The Young Adults Group at Trinity has recently been revived. We are looking for new members and ideas for activities as well as attracting new members to Trinity. We hope to have an organizational meeting soon. Please check the News and Notices in the bulletins and the eNews for details. If you are interested in joining or looking for information, please contact Rose Pawlikowski at rapawlik98@hotmail.com.

Rose Pawlikowski, *Young Adults Chair*

OUTREACH/EVANGELISM

COMMUNITY WORKS

This committee is responsible for the oversight of the areas of direct, hands on outreach that Trinity is involved with.

- **Columbus House** - The Columbus House meal serving group has had a good year, with a dedicated rotating group of lively Trinity choppers, slicers, and servers making dinner once a month for 80 to 100 homeless people. There is also a steadfast collection of cupcake makers who produce dessert at home and drop it off for serving. Those who want to participate can arrive at the Columbus House kitchen between 3:00 and 5:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. For questions, directions, or to let us know you're coming, call Warner Marshall.
- **Habitat for Humanity** – Trinity has long been affiliated with this local Habitat group. We continue to be sponsors of the “Sleeping Giant Build.” Members of Trinity are working on an old farmhouse in Hamden. The work is fun, tools are provided and best of all—no experience is necessary!
- **Chapel on the Green** – Trinity provides lunches several times a year, typically for Independence Day and the Anniversary celebration.
- **Abrahams Tent** – January 3 – 9, 2011. Again this year, Columbus House has asked local faith communities to help. We partnered with St. PJs to feed and shelter 10-12 men nightly for the first full week in January. Trinity and members of St. PJ's provided dinners and chaperones for 7 consecutive nights.
- **Tons of Food** – Food was collected after Easter and we participated in a friendly competition with other churches to bring in the most food. It is weighed and recorded for three Sundays. Len Schiraldi has coordinated this effort for several years and he is looking for a volunteer to “train” to take over for him.
- **Thanksgiving Food Collection** – This was coordinated by Deborah Desir and Liz Dickinson. Donations of food were accepted to donate to the Christian Community Action's food pantry shelves.

Our committee has lots of ideas and enthusiasm for “hands on” work. Please join us! For more information about any of the above please contact: Leigh Cromey - leighcromey@gmail.com or (203) 214-6475 / Warner - nh.rehap.inst@snet.net, (203) 946-8372 or (203) 430-8489.

Leigh Cromey and Warner Marshall, *Community Works Co-chairs*



FRONT STEPS FLOWER OUTREACH MISSION

The potted flowers flanking the steps in front of the church are to the community passing by and those coming in the doors a visual communication of Trinity's mission. The front-step-flowers have been a part of the Trinity “view” since the turn of the century—2000.

Several years ago Trinity formally recognized as a standing committee what had been simply a personal mission, and allocated a budget in order to facilitate the mission, which includes purchase and care of the flowers and shrubs on the front steps of the church.

For Maundy Thursday, we transform the Columbarium into a Garden of Gethsemane for the all-night vigil.

Each September we participate in the Ministry Fair. This year two individuals expressed interest in helping.

At the start of the Advent Season, the committee places wreaths on all the exterior doors of the Church.

Approximately 7 times a year the flowers get changed. The schedule is: Pre-Easter/Holy Week, Easter, Spring, Summer, Late summer, Fall, Winter.

The costs is roughly \$700 per year plus purchase of new pots every 5-6 years.

Though there are currently only two regular members—Paul Sargent and Deborah Johnson—we get a lot of help from a lot of people, including Neil Olsen, who over-winters the roses; Carol Davidson and Lisa Caivano who over-summered the winter trees; flower dead-heading assistance from Barbara Fennelly and others; plus lots of watering and squirrel-abatement

assistance from our sextants Boris, Justin, Gladys, and Donna. We also thank Betsey Foxx, who has now retired from the Committee; her faithful service is sorely missed.

Deborah Johnson, *Front Steps Flower Outreach Mission*

GRANTS COMMITTEE

“Respond to God’s Grace through effective stewardship of financial support grants for human service programs that provide for spiritual and earthly needs with particular focus to address issues of health, hunger, shelter, and education.”

The Grants Committee on behalf of Trinity Church on the Green received a community award from New Haven Home Recovery : continued support of there afterschool and summer program which provides supervised activity and field trips for the children and families residing in temporary housing. We were able to support two new organizations which worked with children and families: R ‘Kids and Children in Placement.

Three new members joined our committee, Peter Loden, George Gillin, and Carol Davidson who was the vestry’s representative.

The following organizations received grants from Trinity:

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| <i>AIDS Project New Haven</i> | <i>All Our Kin</i> | <i>Children’s Center of Hamden</i> |
| <i>Children in Placement</i> | <i>Columbus House</i> | <i>Community Soup Kitchen</i> |
| <i>Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen</i> | <i>Fair Haven Parent Ministry</i> | <i>FISH of Greater New Haven</i> |
| <i>Greater NH Community Loan Fund</i> | <i>Habitat for Humanity</i> | <i>Hill Neighborhood Mentoring</i> |
| <i>Hospital Albert Schweitzer, Haiti</i> | <i>Interfaith Cooperative Ministries</i> | <i>Kenya Health Care Initiative</i> |
| <i>Loaves & Fishes, St. PJ’s</i> | <i>New Haven Home Recovery</i> | <i>r’ Kids, Inc.</i> |

The 2011 Trinity Grants Committee members are: Robert Windom, MD, Chair; Len Schiraldi, Deputy Chair; Catherine Amon; Carol Davidson; Liz Dickinson; Barbara Hedberg; George Gillin, Jr.; John Hoda; Peter Loden; Warner Marshall; Robert Orr.

Robert Windom, MD, *Grants Committee Chair*



INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Trinity International Outreach (TIO) ministry’s mission is the same as Trinity’s mission (“...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.”) with an international outlook. TIO strives to make the parish aware of needs and opportunities for outreach throughout the world and to provide information as to how individual parishioners and the parish as a whole can participate.

One priority for TIO is to keep the parish informed as to what is going on in the Connecticut diocese and the Episcopal Church in the United States in the areas of international missions and outreach. For example, in 2011 TIO addressed one of the Adult Forum sessions and explained the commitments made by the Diocese and the National Church to work toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) established at the start of the new millennium by leaders from 191 nations—including the United States. The eight MDGs are:

- 1) Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger;
- 2) Achieve universal primary education for children;
- 3) Promote gender equality and empower women;
- 4) Reduce child mortality;
- 5) Improve maternal health;
- 6) Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and other diseases;
- 7) Ensure environmental sustainability; and
- 8) Create a global partnership for development.

In March of 2011, several Trinity parishioners attended the 5th Annual Diocesan Mission Conference at Christ Church Cathedral in Hartford entitled “Taking the Whole Gospel to the Whole World”, and in late June four of our parishioners joined a nine-day diocesan mission trip to Colombia, the purpose of which was to build on the official companion relationship that the Connecticut diocese has had with the diocese of Colombia since 2005.

As 2011 came to a close, Trinity made a gift of 58 Bibles to the parish of Dol-Dol, Kenya, part of the Anglican Communion of Kenya, an effort that was initiated by TIO.

In 2012, TIO will strive to be a catalyst for international outreach efforts that strengthen our friendships in Colombia, Haiti and Kenya and contribute as possible to needs and opportunities in those countries and in others as they may occur .

Boyd Griffin, *International Outreach Committee Chair*

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 January 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation 11:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 2:00p Chapel on the Green THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST | 2 OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY | 3 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 5:30p Chapel on the Green Advisory Committee Meeting | 4 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 5 12:00p AI Anon Meeting 4:00p Communications Committee Meeting, <i>Parish Office</i> 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal | 6 THE EPIPHANY 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 8:30p Choir Rehearsal | 7 9:00a - 12:00p Altar Guild 10:00a Baptismal Preparation |
| 8 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation 11:00a Holy Baptism & Eucharist, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 2:00p Chapel on the Green 5:00p Epiphany Lessons & Carols 1st SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD | 9 9:00a - 4:00p Yale Organ class | 10 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 7:00p New Haven Deaneary Meeting at Church of the Holy Spirit, West Haven 7:30p Music Committee Meeting | 11 10:00a - 12:00p Sewing Group, <i>Upper Room</i> 10:30a Service at Whitney Center 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 5:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 5:30p Stewardship Committee Meeting (<i>away</i>) | 12 12:00p AI Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal (2) | 13 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 6:45p Choir Rehearsal | 14 9:00a - 12:00p Altar Guild 9:30a - 11:30a Holiday Bazaar Review |
| 15 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation 10:15a - 10:45a Adult Forum - Contemporary Service Conversation, <i>Choir Room</i> 11:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 2:00p Chapel on the Green 5:00p Stephen Buzard's Recital 2nd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | 16 OFFICE CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DAY | 17 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 5:30p Finance Committee Meeting (<i>away</i>) | 18 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 6:00p Confirmation Class at St. Paul & St. James, New Haven | 19 12:00p AI Anon Meeting 4:45p International Outreach Committee Meeting 7:00p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal (2) | 20 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 21 9:00a - 12:00p Altar Guild |
| 22 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation 10:15a - 10:45a Adult Forum - Stewardship, <i>Choir Room</i> 11:00a Morning Prayer, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 12:30p - 2:30p Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting 2:00p Chapel on the Green 5:00p Choral Evensong 3rd SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | 23 9:00a - 4:00p Yale Organ class 5:30p Vestry Meeting | 24 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal with Dinner | 25 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 10:00a - 12:00p Sewing Group, <i>Upper Room</i> 10:30a Service at Whitney Center 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 6:00p Confirmation Class at St. Paul & St. James, New Haven | 26 12:00p AI Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal (2) | 27 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 28 9:00a - 12:00p Altar Guild 9:00a - 2:00p AGO Organ event |
| 29 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 10:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 11:00a - 10:45a Christian Formation 11:30a Annual Meeting & Potluck 2:00p Chapel on the Green 4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | 30 9:00a - 4:00p Yale Organ class | 31 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal | 1 February 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 12:30p Home Board Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 2 12:00p AI Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal | 3 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 4 9:00a Habitat Work Day (<i>away</i>) 9:00a - 12:00p Altar Guild 5:00p Supper Club Kick-off event |

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| 29 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 10:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation 11:30a Annual Meeting & Potluck 2:00p Chapel on the Green 4th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | 30 9:00a - 4:00p Yale Organ class 5:30p Historical Society Meeting | 31 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal | 1 February 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 12:30p Home Board Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 2 12:00p Al Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal | 3 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 4 9:00a Habitat Work Day (away) 9:00a - 12:00p Altar Guild 5:00p Supper Club Kick-off |
| 5 <i>African American Read-in</i> 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation 11:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 2:00p Chapel on the Green 5th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | 6 9:00a - 4:00p Yale Organ class 5:30p Historical Society Meeting | 7 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal 5:30p Chapel on the Green Advisory Committee Meeting 7:00p New Haven Deanery Meeting at Trinity, Branford 7:30p ECW Meeting | 8 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 10:00a - 12:00p Sewing Group, <i>Upper Room</i> 10:30a Service at Whitney Center 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 6:00p Confirmation Class at St. Paul & St. James, New Haven | 9 12:00p Al Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal (2) Benefit Concert with members of the Center for Creative Youth Camp | 10 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 8:00p Choir of Men & Girls | 11 9:00a - 12:00p Altar Guild |
| 12 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation 10:15a - 10:45a Adult Forum - Overview Gospels: Matthew, <i>Choir Room</i> 11:00a Morning Prayer, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 2:00p Chapel on the Green 6th SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY | 13 9:00a - 4:00p Yale Organ class | 14 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal | 15 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 6:00p Confirmation Class at St. Paul & St. James, New Haven | 16 12:00p Al Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal (2) | 17 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 18 9:00a - 12:00p Altar Guild |
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| 26 7:45a Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 9:00a Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 10:10a - 10:45a Christian Formation 10:15a - 10:45a Adult Forum - Overview Gospels: Luke, <i>Choir Room</i> 11:00a Morning Prayer, Rite 1 11:00a Children's Chapel 2:00p Chapel on the Green 1st SUNDAY IN LENT | 27 9:00a - 4:00p Yale Organ class 5:30p Trinity Grants Committee Meeting (away) 5:30 Finance Committee Meeting (away) | 28 10:00a Staff Meeting 12:00p AA Meeting 5:00p - 7:00p Choir Rehearsal | 29 9:00a - 12:00p HB Sews, Crafts & Knits 12:10p Holy Eucharist and Healing Service 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 1 March 12:00p Al Anon Meeting 5:00p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal 7:30p - 9:00p Choir Rehearsal (2) | 2 12:00p AA Meeting 4:30p - 7:30p Choir Rehearsal | 3 9:00a - 12:00p Altar Guild 9:30a - 4:00p Parish Retreat |



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THE MISSION OF TRINITY CHURCH

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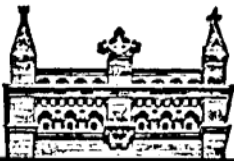
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