



TRINITY TIDINGS

The mission of Trinity Church is to Worship God in Christ, Welcome all people, Rejoice in fellowship, Grow in knowledge, Give of ourselves, Care for one another, Serve the world, and Proclaim the good news of God in Christ.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Solebury, Pennsylvania

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Leading in Stewardship

— Patrick Summers, Vestry Representative

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Ali Bove and Madeline Steuber, two 9-year old Trinity parishioners, wanted to get involved in Mission Philadelphia even though they were not old enough to be direct participants. Madeline and Ali decided to sell candy. They recruited their Moms, went out and bought candy, re-packaged it into little bags, and tied the bags with a pretty ribbon. With two friends, Emma Natale and Stephanie Sager, the girls sold the candy at the Shrove Tuesday Dinner with a note that said: "Thank you for supporting Mission Philadelphia." This little "Candy Troop" made a nice sum of money for Mission Philadelphia.

John (not his real name) is a long time Trinity parishioner. Every week, John takes a few hours out of his busy schedule to visit a widow to help her with her finances. He does this quietly and faithfully, simply because it's the right thing to do. What perfect examples of Leading in Stewardship!

Stewardship is the intentional use of all the resources and gifts God has given us to restore all people to unity with God and with each other. In this offering, we enter into a new life in covenant with God.

Stewardship is a thankful response to God's graciousness to us as well as a powerful indicator of our spiritual life. God created us all with an awesome creative power to re-create and impact the world. We are trusted to act responsibly as worthy

stewards; to love our neighbors as ourselves; to turn away from greed, selfishness and conspicuous consumption; and to live for love, compassion and justice.

Stewardship is so important that the Vestry has designated "**Leading in Stewardship**" as its key theme for this next year. The Stewardship Ministry has an exciting year planned emphasizing prayer, education and events. Take a look at the calendar of events included in this issue of *Tidings*.

Stewardship is more than pledging money. Active stewardship fuels Trinity's various ministries in fulfilling our common mission. The unique combination of time, talent and treasure possessed by the Trinity community is reflected in our new stewardship logo. This logo represents the reality that our generous offering of time, talent and treasure can exponentially impact the world for the better.

We envision Trinity where every single person is thankfully and enthusiastically sharing their time, talent and treasure.

We ask all parishioners to participate in the upcoming stewardship events and to reflect on the writings in the Daily Stewardship Reflections booklet. Pray about stewardship, what stewardship means to you, and how you might become an even more powerful and positive leader in Stewardship for the benefit of God's creation.

Calendar of Stewardship Events

Sunday, September 26

First Sunday of six continuous Sundays with a special Stewardship bulletin insert providing thought-provoking, biblically based commentary

Week of September 26

All parishioners will receive a Daily Stewardship Reflections booklet in the mail containing biblically inspired reflections, on "What stewardship means to me", written by members of the parish

Sunday, October 17

Stewardship Presentation and discussion after the 9:15 a.m. service including parishioner testimonies. Introduction of the Stewardship Education Table containing a Resource Guide, articles and other materials about stewardship

Week of October 17

All parishioners will receive in the mail a special message from the Stewardship Ministry, the Stewardship Brochure and a Pledge Card

Sunday, October 24

Special "Kid's Chapel" including a Stewardship project by the K to 3 grade church school children

Week of October 24

All parishioners are asked to pray and reflect especially during this week on what Stewardship means to you and how your spiritual life will be reflected in your Stewardship

Sunday, October 31

Pledge Sunday, when parishioners are asked to present their financial pledges at the Altar. Also, there will be a special Stewardship Ministry coffee hour.

Vestry Highlight

Patrick Summers was elected to the vestry in May 2004. He has responsibility for the Stewardship Ministry within the church. Patrick is married with three sons. He, his wife Barrie, and son Matthew, have been members of Trinity since 1998. Patrick serves on the Forum Committee and is a regular helper at Peacemeal. He has been a member of the Stewardship Education Committee and Sunday School teacher. Patrick was born and educated in England. He had a 39-year career managing small technical companies and switched in 2002 to teaching (part-time) mathematics at Bucks County Community College.



Bishop Charles Bennison Visits

— Rev. Christine Ritter



On Sunday November 28 at the 9:15 a.m. service, Bishop Bennison will be here to Confirm and Receive members into the Episcopal Church. He will also be available to Baptize at 11:15 a.m. The visit from the Bishop is a special event in any parish. It is our opportunity to get to know him better. This year we're asking Bishop Bennison to preach about what it means to be a bishop and what kinds of tasks he does as a bishop. Then following the service we're hoping he'll have time to have a question and answer session with us.

Historically, since the beginning of the Anglican Communion in the 16th century, the bishop has been the leader of an area, a diocese. As such, he is expected to be the chief pastor and teacher for this diocese and this entails a plethora of responsibilities. All those ordained as priests or deacons within each diocese are responsible to their bishop and any and all property on which there is an Episcopal church is part of the area owned by that diocese. We are part of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, which encompasses the greater Philadelphia area.

Come and participate as Bishop Bennison Confirms and Receives new Episcopal members and come prepared to ask questions.

Confirmation Classes Schedule

Youth Confirmation Classes
Fridays, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
October 8 to November 12

Adult Confirmation Classes
Mondays, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
October 18 to November 15

Confirmation: Sunday, November 28, 9:15 a.m.
Bishop Charles Bennison Presiding

Questions or Registration –
Youth Contact: Kyle Evans (215-297-5135,
Ext. 229)
Adult Contact: Rev. Christine Ritter
(215-297-5135)

Autumn has arrived ... It's almost time for the Autumn in Bucks County House Tour

— Ann Bamford, Sandy Ryon and Carol Lansill

The invitations have been sent, the buzz has started, and it's too early for snow! Just as the leaves will be at the height of their color, Trinity will hold its first fall house tour. You may have noticed autumn leaves cropping up around the parish to support the house tour: Monty Montgomery made the new autumn leaf signs to mark each house and Alise Slack Griffith painted the signs; Sydney Fox made the handsome leaf signs at the church entrances.

House Tour History – Bucks County is prized for its pastoral countryside dotted with horse farms, restored barn homes and very special “one-of-a-kind” country estates.

The first fund-raising house tour was held on the first Saturday of December in 1990. A newer member of the church shared the success of a fund-raising house tour that her previous church in Connecticut had. She suggested that Trinity consider adding a house tour to their already established Christmas event. The tour was so well attended that it became an annual December event. With the snow events in 2002 and 2003, the house tour has been moved to autumn.

The proceeds from the house tour support Trinity Church's missions locally, nationally and internationally.

Houses for Tour – There will be five houses on the tour, all within 15 minutes of the center of New Hope. One belongs to Linda Kenyon, our newest choir member. She readily said “yes” when we asked if her barn house could be on the tour (it's right next door to the rectory). So... we've got old and we've got new.

The **Sweetbriar Farm** property was purchased from the William Penn Trust in 1699. The original stone house was built in the mid-18th century. Most of the interior of the house was “improved” and remodeled through the years. The most recent addition was completed in 2000. The present owners created an “L” shaped house, using the original stone farmhouse as the corner of the two new additions.

Spring Oak Farm is a 117-acre farm with a beautiful stone farmhouse. In 1986, an addition was built which increased the house to 15,000 square feet. The stone for the addition came from the same quarry as the stone for the original house. Once a dairy farm, the house is now part of a wholesale nursery.

The **Quarry Road House** in Buckingham has much historical significance. The ten acres that remain with the house were once part of a 1,000-acre land grant from William Penn. The original house, circa 1724, has been added onto twice. In 1854, the owner added the third floor and bay windows in the dining room and above. These additions reflect the styles of the Civil War era. The house has been significantly restored and renovated by the present owners.

The **Root Barn** “was a derelict, a wonderful wreck and a project worth working on.” That was John Root's first reaction to the Bucks County barn, built in 1822 that he and his actress wife chanced on and purchased in 1963. Time, fire and disuse had not destroyed its fieldstone walls, so a stalwart shell remained to get remodeling off to a good start. John, an architectural designer, had experience creating sets for many Broadway plays, so he brought much enthusiasm and skill to the undertaking. The metamorphosis of an old barn into a comfortable contemporary home was accomplished in one busy year of dividing, adding, and changing.

The **Janin House** was designed by esteemed architect, Steven Ware, and built just three years ago by a premiere Bucks County artisan builder. Accessed by privacy gates and built around a central courtyard, it is among the grand estates of the area. The stately residence offers a grand scale to all rooms and has 13,333 square feet of living space. Three staircases and a cherry paneled elevator provide access to spacious rooms on three levels.

Preview for Trinity Church Members – There will be a preview for Trinity parish members on **Friday, October 15**, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The ticket price is \$20. Preview Tickets are available in the Church Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bruce Whaley has volunteered to drive a group around for the Preview on the Trinity Bus (space on the bus is limited and is on first come, first served basis). Reserve your spot for the Preview Bus through the Church Office. This Preview group will meet in the upper parking lot and depart at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets Still Available – It's not too late to purchase tickets for the **Autumn in Bucks County House Tour**. Tour hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets for the October 16th tour are \$30 per person and may be purchased by mail order only. Mail your request for tickets along with your name, address, phone number, personal check, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Trinity House Tour, Box 377, Solebury, PA 18963 (**request must arrive prior to October 9**). Please make checks payable to *Trinity House Tour*. Your tickets and a map will be mailed to you. **No tickets will be sold on the day of the tour.** Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. We cannot take phone orders, and there will be no refunds on unused tickets. **Children under 12 are not permitted on the tour.**

Time to Help? If you have time to help with the tour, please contact one of the three chairpersons (Ann Bamford, Carol Lansill and Sandy Ryon). We hope you'll attend the Friday night preview and make it a point to thank the homeowners.



- Trinity's Youth Page -



Church School Calendar for Oct. and Nov.

Class dismissal will be at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. Church School Chapel, occurs every Sunday that is Morning Prayer, and lasts approximately 20 minutes. It is located in the Trinity Chapel and includes Toddler through 3rd grade. Chapel is followed by a Regular Class lesson. Sermons will be taped and available to teachers during the following week. They can be picked up in the Church Office.

- Sunday, Oct. 10** Church School Chapel followed by Regular Classes
- Sunday, Oct. 17** Youth Eucharist followed by Regular Classes; All Saints' Preparation Crop Walk, 1:00 p.m. Peacemeal, 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 24** Church School Chapel provided by ARC followed by Regular Classes; All Saints' Preparation
- Monday, Oct. 25** Church School Advisory Board Meeting, McArthur Hall
- Sunday, Oct. 31** Holy Eucharist followed by regular classes; All Saints' Preparation. Daylight Savings Ends, set clocks back
- Sunday, Nov. 7** All Saint's Parade; Regular Classes
- Sunday, Nov. 14** Church School Chapel followed by Regular Classes
- Sunday, Nov. 21** Youth Eucharist followed by Regular Classes Peacemeal, 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 22** Church School Advisory Board Meeting, McArthur Hall
- Sunday, Nov. 28** Bishop's visitation; Confirmation, Baptism, Holy Communion and Regular Classes; Children's Prone on the Jesse Tree

TYG Calendar for Oct. and Nov.

- Wednesday, Oct. 13** TYG at Phillip's Mill Art Show, Phillip's Mill, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 15** House Tour Preview, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 16** House Tour, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 17** Youth Eucharist Philadelphia Aids Walk Crop Walk 1:00 p.m., Lambertville Peacemeal, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 20** TYG Monthly Dinner, McArthur Hall, 6:30 p.m. (all family members welcome)
- Oct. 20-24** Fall Retreat
- Oct. 22-23** Seeking Servants (Diocesan Service Lock-in)
- Saturday, Oct. 23** Trinity Church Clean-up Day, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 2** TYG Sponsor Mtg., 7:30 p.m., Youth Room
- Saturday, Nov. 13** Habitat for Humanity
- Wednesday, Nov. 17** TYG Monthly Dinner, McArthur Hall, 6:30 p.m. (all family members welcome)
- Nov. 19 – Nov. 21** Happening (Diocesan Spiritual Weekend for grades 9-12)
- Sunday, Nov. 21** Youth Eucharist Peacemeal, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 24** No TYG

Trinity Day School Began Its 45th Year

— Cindy Bove

We're off to a great new school year!! Trinity Day School opened its doors on September 1 for its 45th year of service to the Solebury and surrounding communities. We have 75 children enrolled – 60 preschoolers and 15 kindergartners. They come to learn, play, and grow in the six beautiful classrooms of Trinity's education wing, under the care of six loving teachers and three teacher's assistants.

During outside recess time, the children and staff are greatly enjoying the refurbished playground that was completed this past summer. We are deeply grateful to those who gave of their time and treasure to make this renovation happen. The Day School serves children age three through kindergarten as a daily outreach of Trinity Church.

We will begin taking registrations from members of the Trinity parish beginning November 1 for the fall of 2005. For more information, call Cindy Bove at 215-297-5510.



Serving with Honor

— Susie Rorer

Each Sunday, we pray for the men and women in our armed forces serving during this time of conflict in the world. During the summer, some new names were added to our military prayer list. Contact information is included if available.

- **Scott Beattie** is the son of a friend of Patty Stikeleather. He is 20 years old and joined the Army one year ago. Scott is in Special Operations/Psychological Operations. He was sent to Iraq on September 7, 2004 and expects to be there one year. His wife Erin and son Scottie live at his home base, Fort Bragg, NC.
- **Mill Brown** is married to Lisa Leydon's daughter Katie. They have been married six years and have a son Miles who is 18 months old. Mill is 30 years old and a Captain in the Army. He is a child psychiatrist. Mill and Katie met at Cornell University where they were members of an acappella singing group. In Hawaii, they have become enthusiastic longboat paddlers and also enjoy sailing. Mill has been in the Army for five years and has recently been deployed to Iraq, where he is in charge of The Medical Clinic in Balad.

His address is Captain Millard Brown, H.Q. 118 Med. Bn. (AS), APO A.E. 09391-1293. His e-mail address is millbrown@yahoo.com.

Here's an update on those who are back in the U.S.:

- **Chris Martini** has returned to his home base, Fort Huachuca in southern Arizona. He is a Specialist in microwave communications. His address is: Spec. Christopher Martini, 40th Signal Bn., Box 77, Fort Huachuca, Arizona, 85613.
- **Michael Imrich** came home this past June. He is currently in Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, NC. Michael expects to be sent to Afghanistan in October. He continues to be proud to be serving his country.

We will continue to keep you informed about all our servicemen and women throughout the year. Please remember all our brave men and women and their families in your daily prayers. It is important and comforting to them to know that we care. If you wish to add a service person to the prayer list, please contact the Church Office.

Trinity Forum

(October through December 2004)

October 10 Offering our Gifts through International Outreach – Focus: Kenya, Kyle Evans, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

After a moving "sending-out" ceremony here in Trinity's sanctuary before she left, Kyle spent ten days on an important fact-finding mission in Kenya, Africa to begin Trinity's discernment on what mission we may be called to offer internationally. Her time was filled with profound experiences of sharing fellowship and the love of Christ, which she is anxious to share with us. Joining Kyle will be members of the Mwamba Ministries, who accompanied Kyle on her trip.

October 24 Our Creativity: Our Deepest Offering to God, Rev. Lawrie Hurtt

Through the actions we take every day, for ourselves and for others, each of us are in the process of "creating" our lives and the world around us. Lawrie Hurtt will help us begin to see that by offering our unique gifts and talents in an awareness of God's abundant gifts to us, we are actually "co-creating" our world with God. Lawrie is an Episcopal priest and spiritual director, who is returning to Trinity after being very well received at a Spiritfest workshop in the Fall of 2002.

November 14 Music as Offering: 'Singing' the Psalms with Choir Chimes and Percussion, Rev. Joachim Becker

November 28 Bishop's Visit (No Forum)

December 12 Symbols of the Christmas Season, Carolyn Ryon

Finance Ministry

— Julie Loftus

Trinity ended August 31, 2004 with a net loss of \$ 20,500 for the month. This is partly due to the slow down of pledges during the summer months. We anticipate some gain during the month of September. Even with this loss, the "year to date" figures show a net gain of \$17,200. We can attribute most of this gain to the prior year pledges collected this year. We collected \$16,000 more in prior year pledges than projected. The Vestry Ministries are holding expenses to budget, which has added to this gain.

The financial statements are available in the Church Office for your review.



Fall Clean Up Day

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2004

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Share some of your time and talent, enjoying the fellowship of other Trinity members as we spruce up the property.

Please be prepared with gloves, garden tools and kneeling pad. The October 10 sign up sheet will ask for commitments for some specialty items such as: chain saw, circular saw, leaf blower, pressure cleaner and a wood chipper.

A preliminary list of projects

- Rain gutter cleaning and minor maintenance
- Cut small roots and improve swale behind Rectory
- Clean vinca along edge of Root property
- Trim hedge along Sugaan Road
- Trim shrubbery along playground fence/sidewalk
- Trim Cemetery trees as needed
- Cut pallets and scrap wood behind dumpster to fit in same
- Evaluate Greenhouse location
- Weed and mulch the gardens
- Remove weeds/grass from walks and stoned area in parking lot
- Pressure clean East sidewalk of McArthur Hall
- Reposition 'Please use Sidewalk sign'

Come join us for as much time as you can offer. Sign up sheets with details will be posted in McArthur Hall October 10 and 17. You can also e-mail to Jharbgail@aol.com.

Jerry Harbaugh

Trinity Picnic was a Great Success

— Nancy Cullen

A very special “thank you” to everyone who attended the Trinity Picnic on Sunday, September 12! The weather was perfect, the food delicious, and the company was great! To those who volunteered for set-up and clean-up — it would

not have been a picnic without you — you were wonderful! Please remember to support those organizations who have supported Trinity: Shop Rite, Clemens, and Giant.



Spotlight-On

– Lay Readers and Chalice Bearers

— C. Zaroff

The first two ministries receiving the “spotlight” treatment are **lay readers / lectors** and **chalice bearers**. Both ministries require a level of faith and maturity (not physical age). Lay readers like to read aloud or enjoy public speaking. Throughout *The Book of Common Prayer*, direction is provided for clergy and lay leaders. A **lay reader** may assist in many aspects of a worship service, ranging from leading the Prayers of the People, to conducting Morning or Evening Prayer, to the Burial Office, to some of the special liturgies such as the liturgy for Ash Wednesday.

Lay Reader / Lector – In its simplest form, a **lay reader or lector** is someone who reads the lessons in church. From a more formal perspective, the bishop may license a lay person to lead public worship under the direction of the local clergy. When you go back into the early history of the church, the lay reader was actually one of the few church members who were able to read. Thus, they were the people charged with responsibility for reading the lessons aloud to the illiterate during the services. Today we continue with the tradition of reading the Bible lessons aloud as part of our worship services. In addition, the **lay reader** leads the Prayers of the People.

The lessons we hear each Sunday during the services are taken from the Episcopal Lectionary. The Lectionary is a table listing of readings from the Holy Scriptures used for the weekly services as well as the daily services. For each week, the Lectionary includes a lesson from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a lesson from the New Testament, and a reading from one of the Gospels. In the Sunday worship services at Trinity, we typically read one of the lessons, the Psalm, and the Gospel.

Chalice Bearer – Another ministry that is often coupled together with the lay readers is the **chalice bearer**. However, the chalice bearer ministry does not require that you also be a lay reader. Many of our current chalice bearers feel that this ministry is a most sacred honor – sharing the sacrament of Christ’s blood. The chalice bearer assists the clergy during the Eucharist with distributing the wine during the Communion.

“The spiritual sensation of taking an active part in sharing the beautiful Holy Eucharist sacrament and offering the Cup to others is very special indeed; I feel a closeness to God that is so often difficult to reach.” – Mollie Hollowell

What’s Involved – These ministries are open to all members of Trinity Church. There is a short training session conducted by the Head Lector, Valerie Crane. She reviews with each potential lay reader and/or chalice bearer the basics for lay reading and/or chalice bearing. This typically takes no more than thirty minutes. **Lay readers** are typically members who have

an interest in the Bible lessons and an interest in reading aloud. Chalice bearers

“I think that the Eucharist is the most holy and sacred part of the service. It is a great honor to bear the chalice containing the symbolic blood of Christ.” – Mort Ryon

only need an interest in service to others. Each volunteer for this ministry is scheduled for service on Sundays or special services, based on their individual interests. A schedule is published every six months. The time commitment depends on how often one is scheduled to read or chalice bear. Many lay readers review the lessons during the previous week and practice several times prior to the service. On the Sunday of service, the lay reader typically arrives about 30 minutes ahead of the service; chalice bearers about 15 minutes.

Contact to Learn More? If you are interested in learning more about being a lay reader and/or chalice bearer, please contact Valerie Crane at 215-862-1814 or email fareisfare@aol.com. There is a need for additional lay readers and chalice bearers for the 8:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services.

Next Sunday – So next Sunday morning, consider sitting back and listening to the lay reader as the lessons are read and “hear” the word of God. If you have an interest in giving this ministry a try, contact Valerie Crane.

“I truly enjoy serving as a lector. ...Each one of us who reads has a responsibility to read with clarity, and to give the scripture and the service the dignity it deserves. It is important to remember that we are relating God’s words to others.”

– Randy Apgar

“When I lector, I never feel as though I am doing anything special. I am merely using the gifts God has blessed me with in a way I feel He wants me to. I think that is all He asks of us ... to use our gifts.”

– Valerie Crane

St. Nicholas is Coming December 4th



— Jane McNeill

**Breakfast with St. Nicholas and
Holiday Country Store
(Including Men's Lib Table)**

**December 4, 2004,
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

While the House Tour has moved to a different date, Trinity Church will still have a Holiday Country Store on the first Saturday in December. You will still be able to purchase the famous decorated cookies, fulfill your holiday decorating needs with the evergreen selections, purchase items from the Men's Lib Table, and participate in the raffle. The Country Store activities will all occur in the Chapel.

New for 2004 will be breakfast with St. Nicholas (a.k.a., Santa) in McArthur Hall. Tickets for the breakfast will be available for sale sometime in early November. Breakfast will include pancakes, scrambled eggs, cereal, juice fruit and coffee. The charge will be \$5.00 per child or \$10.00 per family. The children will be able to make Christmas ornaments, listen to stories, and sit on St. Nicholas' knee. All together making for a memorable morning for everyone.

Come join your fellow parishioners and help us make this a fun "fundraising" event. Watch for more information in your mailbox soon. There are many wonderful items included in the raffle – including that ever-popular bird feeder!

Just Another Day Around the Parish



*Lobsterfest Silent Auction – Dinner
Party in Black Tie*



*Children enjoy the new
playground*



*Day School
students flourish*

Cookie Bake – 2004 (Yum, Yum!)

The 60-year old Cookie Bake tradition will take place during the first two weeks in November in the Trinity Kitchen and McArthur Hall. We bake thousands of cookies and need lots of hands to do it. So put Cookie Bake on your calendar now: November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11, all from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (... maybe some evenings, too, depending on interest!). For more information, contact Betty Stagg (215-297-5707).

Men's Lib Table at the Holiday Country Store

The men will have their own special table at the holiday Country Store. The unique creations of Trinity's men will be available for purchase (specialty foods ... carvings ... furniture ... paintings ... books). Men ... it's time to plan, design, create and prepare for December 4th! Contact Will Rivinus at 215-297-5559.

Special Feature for Men's Lib Table

Bucks Cooks, Volume I ... "The Perfect Gift"

Trinity's Own Cookbook, currently in its 12th printing (55,000 in print) which features recipes from Trinity Church members and local artwork, will be available for sale at the Men's Lib Table. This is Bucks County's most popular souvenir. Pick one up on December 4th. They are great for visitors, old members and new members alike.

Outreach Update: Food & Weather

— Rosemary Reshetar

“The service we render to others is really the rent we pay for our room on this earth. It is obvious that man is himself a traveler; that the purpose of this world is not ‘to have and to hold’ but ‘to give and serve.’”

—Sir Wilfred T. Grinfill

Weather

We’ve been hearing much news of the devastation caused by hurricanes in Florida and the Caribbean over the past few weeks. The effects of weather hit home this past weekend with the flooding of the Delaware. Though most of us are not part of an emergency crew to help in this situation, Trinity can provide some assistance. Each year, some of our Outreach funds are designated as emergency funds (\$850 for 2004). At our September Outreach meeting we decided to donate these funds to provide relief for victims of these unfortunate events. You may also make an additional contribution to the Episcopal Relief and Development Hurricane Relief Fund. The contact information is www.er-d.org or 1-800-334-7626.

Food – Lambertville Food Pantry

I’d like to thank Anita Howard for making a suggestion to me the other week. We recently noted in the bulletin that our food pantry donations have been low and encouraged you to participate in this hands-on ministry. Anita suggested that we print a list of items that are needed. In response, here’s some information about the food pantry.

First some background. You might have wondered about the wicker basket that sits in the Narthex before Sunday services and is brought to the altar with the offering. Each week non-perishable goods are collected in this basket and transported to the food pantry in Lambertville where they are distributed on Saturday morning. While I’ve never seen the pantry, I think it’s safe to say it’s like an oversized walk-in closet.

What can you do to help? This is really an easy ministry to participate in and one that is so vital to local residents. To get you started, see the list of food items you might donate. Think about in addition to basics, any heartier and more filling foods. Also, there is a large Hispanic population in the area and specialty items for this population is also appreciated.

While it’s easy to help, the hardest part seems to be getting into the habit. So I’m encouraging you to make a habit for your family to participate on a regular basis. Pick up something extra when you shop. Or keep a donation bag in your car so you don’t forget. Do whatever works for you. *Wouldn’t it be great if the basket brought to the altar each week was overflowing?*

Parish News

Births

John Hinman Denny III (“Jake”), son of John and Betsy Rivinus Denny, grandson of Will Rivinus

Deaths

Myrtle Sigmon, aunt of Roger Stikeleather

Address Updates

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New Hope, PA 18938
215-862-2470

Connecticut Address

16 Kirby Drive
P.O. Box 1251
Washington, CT 06793
860-868-1663

Lambertville Food Pantry Food List

• Basics

Breakfast cereals (hot or cold)
Pancake mix, cereal or granola bars
Canned or boxed fruit juices
Applesauce & canned fruit
Peanut butter and jelly
Crackers & Cookies
Pasta and sauce
Macaroni and cheese

• Hearty and filling foods

Soups & stews
Vegetables
Tuna
Other Canned Goods

• Creative and fun items

This one’s up to you!

Introducing . . .

The Cullens

The stellar architects of our new church on the hill in Solebury, Michael Farewell and Catherine Sellers Bowles will be happy to know that it was the beautiful outward appearance of the building that first attracted the Cullens to Trinity.



Nancy and Matt grew up only a half mile from each other in Waterbury, CT and knew each other's families. They went to the same elementary school and to the University of Connecticut, but it wasn't until they were in the business world that they became re-acquainted.

Nancy wrote training manuals for a bank and Matt was starting his 17-year (so far) career with Aventis, a pharmaceutical company. They were married 11 years ago in the same church as Nancy's parents by the priest who served as an altar boy at Nancy's parents wedding. How's that for continuity?

When the Aventis headquarters relocated in Bridgewater, the Cullens came, too. They moved to Jamison four years ago but it took them a little while to find just the right church home. They spotted Trinity one day and decided to give it a try. The hospitality and warmth we all enjoy here at Trinity sold them. They are already involved. Nancy ran the welcome back picnic in September. She is on the Church School Advisory and Stewardship committees.

Matt is the youngest of seven brothers, Nancy the middle of three girls. Because of corporate moves their three girls have all been born in different places; Sarah 7, in Sandy Hook, CT, Emma 4, in Kansas City, MO, and Julia 2, right here in PA. If you haven't met them already, introduce yourself to a delightful family!

— Helen Montgomery

Requests for Healing Ministry Expand

— Rev. Christine Ritter

The ministry of the laying on of hands for healing has been integral throughout the Christian experience. Jesus introduced these acts of compassion to many. So we remember blind Bartemeus, the hemorrhaging woman, the restoring to life of the synagogue leader's daughter, and the healing of the demonic. Through the centuries the priesthood has carried on this sacrament. Today, however, as we have broadened our thinking about who can minister, we have begun to identify persons who have this special gift of healing.

Here at Trinity Church, at present, there are, in addition to the priest, four people who are offering this gift. They include Cliff Nesbit, Caroline McCarthy, Kyle Evans and Bill Serrani. Our plan is to expand this group as needed.

The laying on of hands for healing will be offered on the third Sunday in October, October 17, at the 11:15 a.m. service — our usual time for this offering. Then in response to your requests, beginning on All Saints Day Sunday, November 7, we'll offer the laying on of hands for healing at all three services, 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 11:15 a.m. From then on, the laying on of hands for healing will always be the first Sunday of the month and will be offered at all three services.

If you have any questions about this sacrament or about the times offered, let us know. Rev. Christine or any one of the lay ministers will be happy to answer your questions.

Have you visited the Trinity web site lately? If not, log-on and check it out!
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Reflections on Trinity Church and the Search

— Rev. Christine Ritter

I was reflecting the other day that I've been with you as your interim rector for a year. And what a wonderful year it has been. I've been getting to know many of you and there are still more to go. I've been learning how Trinity Church functions — what makes you happy — what makes you sad. You are such a multifaceted parish. It takes time to understand all the pieces and parts of such a complex church. I've learned how you handle conflict. I've been thrilled to learn about your spirit, both as individuals and as a group, and to observe and be part of your spiritual expressions towards God and God's Son, Jesus. You're truly seeking new ways to minister to each other. It's wonderful that you reach out to help each other! I'm also delighted that Stewardship this year is all about building up the body of Christ throughout the year — not just time, talent, treasure for a few weeks in the fall.

I've watched you grow spiritually over this past year and been thrilled to observe how that has happened and how it continues to happen. I've watched your outreach grow. Not that it was insignificant when I got here. You were already reaching out through such offerings as Mission Philadelphia in the inner city and Peacemeal here at home. But now you're reaching out even more — into international waters. Will you decide to help Kenya or Guatemala? Or both?

I've learned this year how you like to have fun. You work hard at it. I think of Lobsterfest or House Tour or Cookie Bake. And they're just some of the ways that you like to have fun. You love to eat together. I've noticed that whenever you're gathered, there is food. Not that I'm complaining. I keep happily munching right along with you. Overall you love a good challenge and feel happy to meet it.

I also know that many of you, by now, are eager for the Search Committee to complete their work. It's been a year! Let's get it done! To you I say, please try to be patient. It will happen. Your Search Committee is working very hard to find just the right person for you.

Typically it takes between a year and a half and two years for a parish of this size to find a new rector. And that's if it's a healthy parish, which you are. It seems also true that your Search Committee has worked so hard that they're ahead of the curve. I'm told that at present they have five solid candidates that they're interviewing. Which is wonderful! But remember! This Search is about finding the right rector for Trinity Church. It's not like filling a slot in corporate America. Finding the right rector means that in addition to the hard work of the Search Committee, the Holy Spirit must

be consulted. Ultimately there needs to be a collaboration that takes place between the Search Committee, the potential Rector and God. It's a prayer filled discernment process. And that takes some time. It will happen.

In the meantime, let's continue to do what we do best. Worship God — do God's work — and enjoy each other.

God bless you all as we begin this new season,

Rev. Christine †

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Oct. 3	10:00 a.m.	Blessing of the Animals (only two services: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.) No Church School or 11:15 a.m. Service
Oct. 10	10:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Trinity Forum – <i>International Outreach – Kenya</i> Newcomers’ Dinner/Orientation
Oct. 15	5:00 p.m.	House Tour Preview
Oct. 16	10:00 a.m.	“Autumn in Bucks County” House Tour
Oct. 17	<u>All Services</u> 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	<u>Welcome New Members</u> Stewardship Presentation Crop Walk Peacemeal
Oct. 22-24		Trinity Youth Group Retreat
Oct. 23	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Fall Clean Up Day Trinity Forum <i>Creativity: Our Deepest Offering to God</i>
Oct. 30	10:00 a.m.	Baptismal Preparation
Oct. 31		Stewardship Sunday
Nov. 7	9:15 a.m.	All Saints’ Day Parade and Baptisms

**Grounding
Stewardship in
Prayer**

— Patrick Summers

Loving God,

*We thank you for the rich abundance in our lives.
 Open our eyes to see that in being abundantly
 blessed, we can, in turn, abundantly bless others.
 Open our hearts to feel the powerful generosity of
 your Spirit and let go of fear and judgment.
 Open our minds that we may turn away from greed,
 selfishness, and wasteful consumption and offer the
 world our measureless love, our generous time,
 our unique talents and our treasure.
 Open our ears to hear the needs of this church as a
 community of lively compassion and bountiful
 generosity.
 Breathe your Spirit into us and touch us with the
 life of Christ.*

Amen