

# TRINITY TIDINGS



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## From the Rector

When our first parents were driven out of Paradise, Adam is believed to have remarked to Eve: "My dear, we live in an age of transition." Nothing has changed since then,

or rather everything has. It is the very nature of all things to evolve and change. We may embrace it, fight it, deny it, but the fact is, change is a part of life. The question is not whether we like it or want it or even how we will manage it, but how do we continue to be faithful through it.



As I work with those in leadership positions and various ministries of the parish, we are beginning to explore ways in which we may minister in new, effective and possibly different ways. Next month the vestry will spend a portion of a day in retreat, looking at our present organizational structure, assessing what areas of ministry may need more support or emphasis. To do this requires faith and trust in one another and in God.

As we move forward there is both the need and opportunity for new leadership. I am so grateful for those who have provided strong direction during this time of transition. I have been particularly thankful for the wardens who agreed to extend their time of service to assist me in my first few months at Trinity. My promise to them was that I would appoint new wardens as soon as practical. In order to provide a smooth transition we decided to stagger the warden's terms of office. To that end, Lorri Perkins will be stepping down in June and Dave Griffith at the end of the year. After a time of prayerful consideration and discernment, I am pleased to announce that Deborah Faust has accepted my appointment as Junior Warden effective June 1. Deborah is currently the vestry person for Outreach. I am confident of her ability to work with me and the vestry to provide the leadership needed as we move forward. We will officially recognize Lorri and her service as a warden on June 10 at the 9:30 service.

In this season of Easter we are all invited to live in an age of transition. This message of new life empowers us to take bold steps forward as the church. I invite you to take such steps along with me, the vestry, the staff, and others in leadership as we seek to faithfully work together to guide this parish into a future of ministry filled with promise and hope.

*Rev. Rick +*

## Vestry

Dave Griffith - Sr. Warden

Lorri Perkins - Jr. Warden

Jenn Summers - Church School

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Gary Wilmore - Communications  
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Reid McCarthy - Finance

Deborah Faust - Outreach

Sue Eavenson - Parish Life

Elaine Crooks -Pastoral Care

Inez Bing - Spiritual Formation

Dick Dafrico - Assistant Treasurer

Kristen Steuber- Trinity Day School

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Worship & Music

Kim Laughlin - Youth Ministries

Jon Hayward - Property

Emily Wolf - Deanery  
Representative

Mary Miller, Joe  
Thomas - Diocesan Delegates

## Standing Committees

Strategic Planning  
Human Resources



## Trinity Men's Breakfast

Saturday May 5th at 8:00 a.m. in McArthur Hall will be the next Men's Breakfast. Our speaker will be Trinity Parishioner Bruce Harris. Bruce, currently Executive Director of the Friends of the Cruiser Olympia, a tax exempt, non-profit organization dedicated to restoring and preserving the National Treasure-the Cruiser Olympia at Penn's Landing, Philadelphia, will speak about the fascinating history and service of the Olympia, and ongoing efforts in its and the greater communities' behalf. Please join us and bring a friend.

## Adult Education

### *"Conversation Before The Crisis"*

Series of Sunday Forums continues on Sundays, 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel  
May 6th and 20th

These forums are offered to Trinity by medical, legal, and hospice representatives of Doylestown Hospital concluding with thoughts by The Reverend Richard Vinson and Elena Austin, Funeral Director. They will help you learn more about the importance of end-of-life planning and what you can do to ensure your wishes are heard.

**May 6th:** Changes in the healthcare system over recent years including basic information about Hospice Care. By Veronica Coyne MD and Betsy Payn MSN, Clinical nurse specialist.

**May 20th:** Practical and pastoral implications of end-of-life issues including funeral preparation and the Christian understanding of life and death. By The Reverend Richard Vinson and Elena Austin, Funeral Director.

**Please mark your calendars and invite a friend!**

**Childcare will be provided**



Lobster... corn... chowder... silent auction... music... kids games... friends... family... BYOB... it's our 17th Annual Trinity Lobsterfest!

**Order your dinners early!**

The success of Lobsterfest depends on the support of every member of the Parish, so please consider the following ways that you and your family can contribute to this effort: Volunteer your time- Volunteers are needed in the coming weeks for mailings and to make phone calls. There are also a multitude of opportunities available on the day of Lobsterfest. Contact Kim

## Easter Egg Hunt Easter Sunday



### Thank you!

A very BIG thank you to Ian McNeill for all the work he did on the Trinity Easter eggs. Without Ian drilling holes and painting 200 eggs the tradition could not have continued. When you see him make sure to thank him...we want him to be a generous with his time next year. Thanks Ian

Laughlin at [kim@parkavepastries.com](mailto:kim@parkavepastries.com) or 215-718-3973 to sign-up for your preferred volunteer slot.

Chowder Making - Join the fun on Friday June 1st for a day of clam chowder making! Morning and afternoon shifts are available starting at 9:00AM. Contact Kim Laughlin at [kim@parkavepastries.com](mailto:kim@parkavepastries.com) or 215-718-3973 to sign up.

Silent Auction-Consider donating lawn care or babysitting services; a gift certificate to a local restaurant or salon; sports tickets or the use of a vacation home. Be creative - we need all kinds of items. The Silent Auction is a vital part of the fund raising for Lobsterfest and we need your help! Please contact Kim Sager at [kaosager@yahoo.com](mailto:kaosager@yahoo.com) for Silent Auction information or to volunteer to help.

Corporate Sponsorship-Ad space is available on our full color placemat - a tax-deductible corporate donation. Please contact Steve Wilson at [swilson@trinitysolebury.org](mailto:swilson@trinitysolebury.org) for details.

Desserts-We are looking for those yummy desserts for Trinity's infamous dessert tent! Please contact the Church office to tell them what you will bring. And consider the weather on June 2nd - items that won't melt are the best!

We look forward to everyone's participation. Come and join the fun and support your Youth Group! A major portion of the proceeds from Lobsterfest supports our Mission Philadelphia efforts, June 16 - 23, 2012.

To order on-line or to access an order form click on the link below

<http://www.trinitysolebury.org/lobster>

### Upcoming Music at Trinity

#### Cantus Novus - Friday May 4th 7:30 p.m.

Jubilate! A Celebration in Song: Continuing the theme of the current concert season, "Jubilate/Rejoice," Cantus Novus presents a joyous evening of choral music celebrating love, the earth, music, and the soul.

#### Sunday, June 3rd, 4:00 p.m. Ron Kershner, piano, Timothy Harrell, organ

Works for piano & organ by Sowerby, Widor, Saint-Saens, Demarest, Franck. \$10 adults, \$5 students

#### Sunday, June 10th, 4:00 p.m. La Fiocco

*Chamber Music of the Paris Salon (1650-1750)*

Works by Louis & Francois Couperin, Marin Marais, Andre Campra, Jean-Philippe Rameau & Louis-Nicolas Clerambault.

\$20 general, \$17 seniors, \$12 students

#### Sunday, June 17th, 4:00 p.m. Cordus Mundi and Friends

## Upcoming Worship

### May 6

8:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist and  
Healing Prayers

### May 13

8:00a.m. & 9:30 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist

### May 17

#### Ascension Day

7:00 p.m. Evensong

### May 20

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist,  
Sr. Send-Off

### May 27



#### Day of Pentecost

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Baptisms



### Parish Directory Update

We are in the process of updating our church directory. Have you contacted the church office with your updated information?? If not, provide your information to [dstedman@trinitysolebury.org](mailto:dstedman@trinitysolebury.org) or call 215-297-5135

## Senior Send Off - Sunday May 20th

**What:** We're Honoring our High School Seniors with a Send Off !

**Date:** May 20th, 2012 **Time:** 9:30 am

**Place:** The Church

What you need to do if you have a High School Senior:  
Tell us you want to do it.

#### Then:

We Need Your help creating a poster by ASAP

We want Pictures, poems, words, memorable moments, for a poster about your child. YOU can create it -

WE can create it - or we can do it together...

#### Questions:

Call us - we have a few answers available.

#### Contact:

Melanie Wood [Melne357@Gmail.com](mailto:Melne357@Gmail.com) 267 614 3704

Stephen Wilson [Swilson@trinitysolebury.org](mailto:Swilson@trinitysolebury.org) 609 651 6089

## The 16th Annual Mission Philadelphia

### June 16th - 23rd

This annual event has created the opportunity for all of us at Trinity to enter into a wonderful relationship with our neighbors in West Philadelphia. This year, along with our partners Urban Tree Connection (UTC) and the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, we will be converting another abandoned lot into a community garden that will produce fresh vegetables. We will also be planting fruit trees, building a play structure and maintaining previous work sites. Once again we will return to the neighborhood where we have been for the past 10+ years, to work with the residents that we have come to know.

If you can help provide meals for our missionaries, please contact Kim Laughlin at [kim@parkavepastries.com](mailto:kim@parkavepastries.com) We are looking to have 5 lunches and 6 dinner meals donated. You have the option of providing the meals themselves or sponsoring a meal. Kim can provide you with specific details.



## PARISH CALENDAR

**Friday, May 4**

Cantus Novus Concert  
7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 5**

Men's Breakfast  
8:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 15**

Vestry 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 20**

Lambertville Music School  
Concert 2:00 p.m.  
Peacemeal, 4:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 28**



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**



**Holy Baptism to be Celebrated  
on Pentecost - May 27**

**9:30 a.m.**

The Feast of Pentecost, often considered the birthday of the church, is one of those occasions in which it is most appropriate to celebrate baptism. If you wish to explore baptism for yourself or a child, please contact the Rector at

[rvinson@trinitysolebury.org](mailto:rvinson@trinitysolebury.org)

## Transition Team by Jean Evans

Trinity is going through a transition right now. The transition from a body of people worshipping with an interim Rector to a body embracing new directions and new leadership. One synonym of transition is passage; the rite of passage, passage from one phase of growth to another. Rick and Ellen Vinson are also going through a transition; a passage; from one chapter of their lives to a new, exciting chapter.

Transition is ongoing; one never truly completes a transition. One can never say that "this is done. We are through with it."

As we all journey through this transition together we reacquaint ourselves with each other. We look at each other in a new light; we discover things about each other that we didn't know before. We are going through an exciting time.

To celebrate our passage; our transition; Trinity is planning a series of "Getting To Know You" gatherings. Some will be centered around a Brunch, some around a Dinner, some especially geared toward families with children. All of them will include Rick and Ellen so that we can "get to know them" as well. The first of these will be held early in May, with others following once or twice each month. The gatherings will be small, probably 8-12 at each, and will be hosted by various members of the congregation. Some of the gatherings will be pot-luck and others will have the food provided by the host.

Right now, we only have the first few dates set and do not have any hosts identified. If you would like to be one of the hosts for these "Getting To Know You" gatherings, please get in touch with Helen Montgomery (215-340-1870) to let her know of your interest. She will answer any questions you might have and help you with your planning.

Here's how it will work. Once all of the dates have been set, there will be a sign-up board in the hallway between the Church and McArthur Hall. The board will list the dates, the type of gathering and the number of people to be included and you will be asked to sign up for one of them, depending on your schedule and preference. We are hoping that you will consider signing up with people who are not well known to you so that each "Getting To Know You" will have a nice mix of young, old, new and seasoned folks.

We plan to schedule the gatherings through December for now, and schedule more during the first part of 2013 as we see how these first gatherings work out. Trinity has had a long tradition of successful small gatherings beginning with Cottage Dinners during the '90's through Foyers and the Step-up Suppers in the last couple of years and everyone who participated in these really enjoyed them.

We could think of no better way to introduce Rick and Ellen to the "Trinity Family" than by showing them our hospitality and love for each other through "Getting To Know You" gatherings. And, if you can sing that song, Rick has promised to accompany you on his ukulele.



The Service of Choral Evensong to celebrate Ascension Day will be Thursday, May 17th at 7:00 pm

Ascension Day is one of the great celebrations in the Christian liturgical calendar and commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, the fortieth day of Easter.

Quoting from *The Telegraph* in an article by Stephen Hough, "The Church of England's evening service, adapted after the Reformation from the monastic hour of Vespers, is a wondrous phenomenon. Even the word "Evensong" is poetic....Rich with prayer and scripture, it is nevertheless totally nonthreatening. It is a service into which all can stumble without censure-a rambling old house where everyone can find some corner to sit and think, to listen with half-attention, trailing a few absentminded fingers of faith or doubt in its passing stream. Most religious celebrations gather us around a table of some sort. They hand us a book, or a plate, or speak a word demanding a response. They want to "touch" us. Choral Evensong is a liturgical expression of Christ's "Do not touch me. I have not yet ascended to my Father"(St. John 20:17). It reminds us that thresholds can be powerful places of contemplation, and that leaving someone alone with their thoughts is not always denying them hospitality or welcome.

The Senior and Junior Choirs will sing the preces and responses, the Evensong canticles - Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, and William Mathias' anthem "Lift up your heads, O ye gates."

## Vacation Bible School

### Vacation Bible School 2012

SonRise National Park VBS

For Pre K (4 yrs) thru 5th grade

Trinity Episcopal Church

M-F, July 30 - August 3

Time: 9:00am - 12:00pm

Cost \$25/child \$50 max/family



To sign up and/or volunteer, please call the church office and ask for Stephen Wilson, Director of Children and Youth Ministries or contact him at [swilson@trinitysolebury.org](mailto:swilson@trinitysolebury.org), 609 651 6089 or 215-297-5135 or Jenn Summers: [jennifer.ann.summers@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.ann.summers@gmail.com), 267-614-0812.

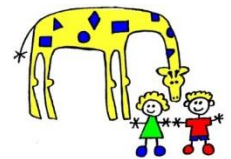
To download order form, click link: [2012 VBS Registration](#)

## Stewardship Update by Dave Griffith, Sr. Warden

Our 2012 stewardship efforts resulted in the parish exceeding its goal of \$450,000 and reaching \$481,000. This pledge amount continues to grow with new members as they join the congregation. This level of pledging allows us to enter the year with a balanced budget and start to focus on our long term requirements and needs as we start our ministry with Rev. Rick Vinson. Going forward the responsibility for stewardship will rest with the senior warden and the Vestry overall as it did this year. We will look to form a Vestry position with responsibility for stewardship education and overall management of parish fundraisers other than Lobsterfest. Our long term objective is to grow pledging to a level that we no longer depend on fundraisers for operating needs of the parish. This is one of the focus items for the Vestry in 2012 and beyond.

As Senior Warden I want to thank all the members of the parish for their financial support through the pledge and the plate. In a time of what could have been a difficult year, with the economy and a period of transition, the parish stepped up and provided the means for Trinity to do the work we are called to do.

## Trinity Day School Fall Registration



Trinity Day School is busy registering students for its pre-school classes for the Fall.

Parishioners will be given priority placement. Please call 215-297-5510 or e-mail [cbove@trinitysolebury.org](mailto:cbove@trinitysolebury.org) for more information or to schedule a tour.



### A Prayer for Mothers

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



### We remember the recently departed from our church family

- Katherine W. Petrie
- Douglas Glover McArthur
- Ruth S. Turner
- Elaine Berry

*"Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace"*

## Pastoral Care by Elaine Crooks

### Caring for each other



It has been a busy month for the Pastoral Care ministry. A number of our Trinity family needed and received Christian caregiving through our ever-expanding network of compassionate members. Cards were sent, food made and delivered, flowers were brought and lots of prayers were said.

If you or someone you know are in need of prayers and other aspects of Trinity caregiving, please contact the church office. There is a simple Prayer List form available that will help guide us as to specific needs and requests. The form is available in the church office and will be available through the Trinity website.

Rick and I had a gathering of some members who have been involved in Trinity's Pastoral Care Ministries on Saturday April 21. Some 15 of us had a good discussion about all the wonderful things that have been done over the years and how we can improve on them. Our next gathering will be on Saturday June 30, and all are welcome and encouraged to join us.

### Trinity Family Album

*a gift for Rick and Ellen*

A Trinity Family Album is being created as a loving gift for Rick and Ellen. Can you imagine meeting as many people as they are in such a very short period of time? Let's help make it easier and fun!



***Please contribute your picture and profile!***

The hope is to have as many parishioners as possible to participate. When complete this album will provide for Rick and Ellen a fun and interesting way to ***begin knowing*** the many people that make up our Trinity family, their new faith family. We hope you'll participate and here's how:

1. Access a Trinity Family Album page to fill out. Hard copies available on the Narthex table and an information table at coffee hour. Go to Trinity's website on the home page to print out your copy (Trinity Family Album Page) or click on the following link: [Trinity Family Album](#) . Print the attachment on the email notification communicating the plan for creating the Trinity Family Album
2. Provide a picture for your page. Maybe it's the full family, maybe it's part of your family, maybe it's a formal shot or maybe it's goofy....whatever you want! If you would like help, we are willing to take a picture of you or your family! Just contact Megg King at [meggking@hotmail.com](mailto:meggking@hotmail.com) or call 215.862.0788.
3. Write to Rick and Ellen in the space provided on the page. Let them know about your family, communicate personal messages, anything you would like to convey and express! *(This is a personal gift for Rick and Ellen and will not be copied or displayed.)*

*(Cont'd)*

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## **FIRST CLASS**

4. Submit your completed page **by the end of May** to:
- \* the Trinity Album table in McArthur Hall during coffee hour
  - \* the church office
  - \* email to [familyalbum@trinitysolebury.org](mailto:familyalbum@trinitysolebury.org)
  - \* hand-deliver to Megg King.

*This will be a wonderful expression of caring and thoughtfulness...and great fun for them! We hope you'll include your story!*

## **June Tidings**



Would you like to submit an article to the Tidings? If so email articles to [jenugent@trinitysolebury.org](mailto:jenugent@trinitysolebury.org)

## **Deadline**

Friday, May 25

## **Outreach News**

### Mission: The Lambertville Food Pantry

As most of you know, we support the efforts of the Delaware Valley Interfaith Council (DVIC) which runs the Lambertville food pantry. This pantry is unique, whereas it supports close to 1000 "local" guests per month and is only opened 2 days a week. We've been very grateful for the gifts of Trinity Solebury, and as promised, are posting to let you know what we're a bit short on this month. We can always use bags of rice and beans. However, we are short on products that we cannot secure from our distributor such as diapers, feminine products, paper products, and cleaning supplies. Once again, we appreciate your support. Items can be brought to church and deposited in the baskets in the narthex.

