

TRINITY TIDINGS

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HOUSE TOUR



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Rector's Reflection

House Tour is one of those experiences that embodies the spirit of Trinity Church. The history, art and architecture of the region and the beliefs of its people shape both community and church. Trinity Autumn House Tour shares this rich tradition with you.



For nearly 150 years Trinity Church has served the Solebury community. A house of prayer that welcomes all people, Trinity has a reputation for engaging in mission both local and global, a commitment to young people, and for quality music and hospitality. Our Cookie Bake and Lobsterfest, like House Tour brings together hundreds of people within the immediate vicinity and beyond.

Many people were introduced to Trinity Church as a result of House Tour. The hospitality of the more than 100 volunteers bore witness to a Faith Community that was appealing and very rewarding. Our hope is that your experience will be similar.

The busy pace of life seldom allows one to pause long enough to experience the beauty and majesty of house, hearth and home. These blessings are not just a thing of the past. They are offered to you who join in this year's House Tour.

All of us at Trinity are delighted you have chosen to join us.

Rev. Rick +



Trinity Staff

The Rev. Richard Vinson
Rector

The Rev. Dr. Virginia Sheay
Priest Associate

Cindy Bove, Director
Trinity Day School

Timothy Harrell
Organist/Choirmaster

Debbie Stedman
Parish Administrator

Stephen Wilson
Director of Youth Ministries

Jane Ellen Nugent
Parish Secretary

Anne Yarnall
Financial Secretary for
Operations

Synoptic Gospels returning to Trinity

We will again be offering a group study of the Synoptic Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, (Syno-optic: same eye). All three gospels will be read in parallel format using the "Records of the life of Jesus." It is an opportunity to follow the journey of Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. Along the way we discover together how the three Gospels compare with one another, do they differ, and how so?

We explore the teachings of Jesus noticing the fresh insights that various translations bring to the table. We also look at how the events of Jesus' life and time, informs ours today.

All are welcome, no previous experience necessary. All that is required is an openness of mind and a willingness to be text-centered. It is good to come with a beginner's mind as if one had never read them before; or to read them again as if for the first time. By design there is no homework. Each session is complete, and all are sequential.

The weekly sessions will begin on Friday, October 4th, from 10:00 until 11:30, and continue for six weeks.
Leader: Inez Bing 215-794-9699

Please call the office 215-297-5135, or Inez with any questions.

Trinity Men's Breakfast - 25th Anniversary Season

"If You've Got the Money Honey, I've Got the Time and Talent"
That's the title of a whimsical presentation by the Rector to be presented on Saturday, October 5th. Join us at 8:00 a.m. in McArthur Hall for our 25th year of Men's Breakfast. As always plan to bring a Trinity or community friend. We are excited to be celebrating our 25th year and hope you will plan to join us. We have interesting speakers, varied Chefs du jour, and interesting conversation planned.

Welcome Young Adults

Trinity is excited to announce the formation of the Trinity Young Adult Group. TYAG will convene for its first gathering with a potluck dinner at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Trinity. All who define themselves as a young adult are invited to bring a dish, meet and greet other young adults, and discuss the future direction of TYAG. Children and guests are also welcome.



2013 Vestry

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Elaine Crooks

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2013 TRINITY AUTUMN HOUSE TOUR

23rd Annual Trinity Autumn House Tour - Saturday, October 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. rain or shine. This highly anticipated and respected event is featuring four treasured Bucks County properties.

Tickets Now Available!!

Visit www.trinitysolebury.org/housetour to order tickets that will be held at the church on tour day starting at 9:30 a.m. (payment by paypal only) Order form also available to download Purchase tickets in church office Monday - Thursday 10-3 (cash or check only)

Purchase tickets on day of the tour starting at 9:30 a.m.

Sponsor Levels:

Friend @ any level of giving;

Cottage @ \$150 (includes 1 tour ticket)

Farm @ \$250 (includes 2 tour tickets)

Manor @ \$500 (includes 4 tour tickets)

Estate @ \$1,000 (includes 6 tour tickets)



Hidden Cottage



Tuckamony Farm



Old Glory



Jericho Mountain Orchards

Ticket Holders are invited to a free guided tour of the Perry Mansion Museum presented by the New Hope Historical Society from 1:00 - 5:00 on tour day

House Tour Volunteers

Volunteers are needed the day of the tour. Please contact Kim Sager at kaosager@yahoo.com for tour day volunteer opportunities, You can volunteer the whole day or 1/2 day.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, October 5

Men's Breakfast
8:00 a.m. McArthur Hall

Saturday, October 12

4:00 p.m. David Anderson
Book Signing

Thursday, October 17

7:00 p.m. St. Thomas Choir
Concert

Sunday, October 20

2:30 p.m. Cantus Novus
Photo Shoot
Rehearsal/Reception
4:00 Peacemeal

Thursday, October 24

9:00 a.m. Aid for Friends Cook In,
Kitchen

Sunday, October 27

4:00 p.m. La Fiocco

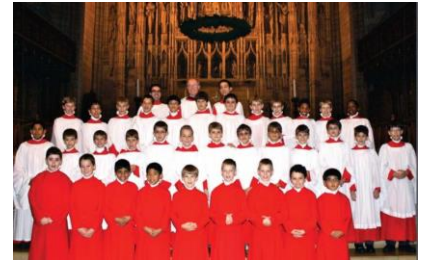
All God's Critters Got a Place in the Choir



welcome (except snakes).

The Annual BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be held at Trinity on Sunday, October 6 at 4:00pm in the courtyard between the Chapel and Church. All creatures great and small are

St. Thomas Choir of Men and Boys Comes to Trinity



Friends of Music presents the Saint Thomas Choir of Men and Boys from New York City under the direction of John Scott on Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m. This concert is in memory of *Bromley W. Lowe, Sr.* Saint Thomas Choir School is the only church affiliated boarding school in the United States. They are considered to be the finest Boys and Men's Choir in the United States regularly embarking on concert tours, performing in the United States and in Europe, as well as recordings and concerts series at St. Thomas Church. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students 12 and under and will be available through the church office.

Cookie Bake 2013

As we experience the first taste of fall with cooler days and nights, we begin to think about the holiday season; and that means Cookie Bake at Trinity Church.

This has been a tradition for over 60 years! Last year we rolled, baked, decorated, and packed over 16,000 cookies. Peg Clark and Sue Eavenson will chair this event one more year, but they need the help of everyone to make this a success. Baking will begin on **November 5th** from 9-5 and will continue every day until **November 14th**. So mark your calendars and join us for lots of fun and fellowship. More information will be available in the coming weeks.





Worship Schedule October

*On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it -
Psalm 118:24*

Sunday, Oct. 6

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
with Holy Eucharist and Healing
Prayers following in the Chapel
4:00 p.m. Blessing of the
Animals, Mason Brower Garden

Sunday, Oct. 13

8:00 & 9:45 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

Sunday, Oct. 20

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:45 a.m. Youth Eucharist

Sunday, Oct. 27

8:00 & 9:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**** Christian Education for All
Ages at 9:00 a.m. Every
Sunday******

**Children are invited to attend
9:45 worship and may leave
worship prior to Gospel
reading to attend Children's
Chapel in the Chapel**



Centering Prayer at Trinity every Tuesday morning

Be still and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10



What is Centering Prayer?

Centering Prayer is a type of Christian contemplation that provides an opportunity to sit quietly in God's presence, in stillness, for a greater awareness of God in our busy daily lives. We intentionally put aside all thoughts of the past and of the future, being aware only of "now". We each choose a sacred word in our mind and silently recall it to return to God's presence when we are distracted by thoughts, feelings and images, or we focus on our breath. "In Centering Prayer we believe that the beginning and the end of prayer is learning how to be still before God. Thoughts are the inevitable and normal part of Centering Prayer and by returning to our sacred word we are expressing our "intention to consent to God's presence and action within" (Thomas Keating)

We continue to practice Centering Prayer in the Chapel weekly on Tuesday mornings from 8 to 8:30 am. All are welcome. Come when you can. We remember those in need. We practice 20 minutes of silent meditation. We send cards to those in our prayers. - Spiritual Life Ministry

TIME, TALENT, TREASURE, TALENT, TIME TREASURE, TIME, WHERE TO BEGIN?

Traditionally the mark of an individual's commitment to the life of faith has been through the giving of one's time, talent and treasure. In other words, show up, show off and show me the money. These three elements represent the whole of a person and the need all people have to give of themselves fully. The temptation is to give of one, perhaps two with the exclusion of the other. In doing so the spirit is diminished. The Church is called to be in mission and cannot adequately answer the call without the investment and involvement of everyone who dares pray for Christ to be present. The opportunities for ministry around in working with children and youth, music, mission both local and global and countless others. I invite you to answer the call to give of yourself in the way God guides you.

I commend to you the following article that has informed my understanding of Mission and Stewardship for many years.

Rev. Rick +



Church School Needs Your Help

Thank you to several teams who have volunteered to help with our Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings. We still have some openings for teachers in our Church School. Please contact Jenn Summers or Christine Angulo.

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267-614-0812;
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215-262-1451 or Rick.

Stewardship is the main work of the Church

*-the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Taylor, Professor of
Pastoral Theology at the (Episcopal) Church
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The Book of Common Prayer teaches us that The Mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" and that "the Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members." The unstated but clear implication of this teaching is that the main work of the Church is involving people in using all that is entrusted to them in carrying out its mission. Said simply, stewardship is the main work of the Church.

Thus, stewardship is more than church support; it is the use of "the gifts given us to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world." Therefore, the way we use or do not use resources to further unity and reconciliation in our homes, our communities, and our occupations is our stewardship. Yet, stewardship is not less than church support. Our worshiping, working, praying, and giving within the Church provide the support that we and others need to engage in the often difficult and lonely tasks of proclaiming the good news, loving our neighbors, and striving for justice and peace.

Stewardship is much more than a duty: it is a thankful response to God's graciousness to us. As such, it is an opportunity to praise God with our lives in thanksgiving -- for the blessings of creation; for the birth, life, teaching, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and our redemption; for the gift of the Spirit; for the Word, sacraments, and fellowship that sustain and transform us as the Church.

Stewardship is an adventure, an expedition into the kingdom where we find our lives through losing them for the sake of the Gospel. It is an invitation to offer our gifts for the purpose for which we were created - the only purpose that will fulfill us. It is a challenge to refocus our lives by designing our budgets around tithing. It offers us a way to begin breaking the bonds of consumption that involve us, often unwittingly, in perpetuating injustice and oppression.

All of god's people, within and without the Church, can learn that to be held accountable for our lives as stewards of God's gifts is to discover our own true great worth before God. We believe that discovery, too, is a gift, a gift that brings unspeakable joy. The main work of the Church is to bring its people, and through them all people, to this joyful knowledge, which will ... restore all people to the unity with God and each other in Christ.



Baptism, Confirmation and Renewal Sunday, November 3

Historically the Visitation of a Bishop to the local parish is an occasion of great joy as we celebrate our unity as a family of God. Those new to the church are woven into the fabric of the faith through baptism and deepen their relationship with Christ through Confirmation or Reception. All are invited to renew their baptismal promises.

If you wish to explore these opportunities to strengthen your relationship with God and make a commitment to the mission and ministry of the church, please speak with the Rector.

The expectation is that every member of the church 16 years of age or older will make such a mature profession of faith. If you have never been Confirmed (made a mature profession of your faith) and/or been received by the bishop into The Episcopal Church, please give prayerful consideration to doing so. Those who are already Confirmed but may have experienced a deepening of faith, may desire to renew their faith and receive the bishop's blessing.

For more information please speak to Rick.

Mission/Outreach Program of Trinity

After careful thought, lots of listening, the support of many of you and the blessing of the Vestry, we are pleased to announce that the face of "Mission" at Trinity is changing.

One of the key changes is the creation of a Missions Committee that will oversee all mission activities, and with a combined mission's budget, evaluate all mission activities and make recommendations to the Vestry.

Financing of the Mission fund will come from dedicated gifts, targeted fundraising, a percentage of pledges and contributions. The specifics are currently under discussion with the Vestry.

In addition, this committee will be also tasked with the following:
Report all mission/outreach activity to the Vestry for approval

- Developing procedures for all financial activity and determining the best use of funds, time and talent
- Publishing activities in Tidings on a monthly basis
- Encouraging any and all to participate in the Mission Meetings.

Currently, there are many ongoing mission programs that Trinity is actively involved with. Moving forward, this list of activities will be confirmed and endorsed by the Mission committee.

Aid for Friends Cook In

Share your treats a bit early by joining the next Aid for Friends event on Thursday, October 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Thanks to your generosity of food, time and funds Trinity has delivered over 100 meals to the local Aid for Friends freezers EACH time we've gathered for fun and camaraderie. That translates to hundreds of meals delivered locally. How does the program work? As explained by the Central Bucks Aid for Friends Coordinator, " Briefly and specifically; recipients are referred by a variety of sources, most often by healthcare/home care workers, social workers, family members, neighbors, church members, etc. All AFF meals are delivered free of charge. Any recipient who is able is encouraged to support the program with donations, but this is never a requirement...We are different from MOW (Meals on Wheels) in having no age requirement, not charging a fee and providing home-cooked...meals by the same Visitor each week whose goal is to provide friendship as well as nutrition to the

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FIRST CLASS



Mark Your Calendar
for this special Annual Event

**Sunday,
December 8th
4:00 p.m.**

recipient. The duration of service varies from a few weeks to the rest of the recipient's life."

At Trinity this month we're continuing our "potluck" approach which fills the freezers with a variety of meals. So go ahead and prepare ANY main course, casserole, side dish, soup or vegetable dish. Cook up your seasonal favorite or go boldly into the kitchen and try a new recipe. Your contribution can be dropped off on October 24, or, better yet, stay for the fun and help package the meals. We also welcome your financial contribution (made payable to Trinity Solebury and notated "Aid for Friends").

To ensure a balance of mains, starches and vegetables, contact Debbie Hische @ hischegx@comcast.net or 267-544-0117 or Sheila Shaffer @ scssgkj@comcast.net or 215-933-2734 by October 21 to let us know what you'll be donating. See you on the 24th. Thanks for your prayers and support!