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# TRINITY NEWS

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## God of Abundance

*“God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.”*



For the past few months we have prayed this post communion prayer at the 5PM and 10AM services. It is one of the supplemental prayers appointed for use alongside the *Book of Common Prayer 1979*. As I have been thinking about stewardship this year, this prayer has churned over and over again in my mind.

“God of abundance” is not a phrase that has been used often to speak of God, yet it speaks volumes. It recognizes that all that we have comes from God. The earth, air, water; all the elements of creation that sustain life are a gift from God. Even our very lives are attributed to God’s gracious gift. In saying that God is a God of abundance we acknowledge that our lives overflow with the generosity of God. God provides for us what we need, it may not always be what we want, but we have all that we need. It is a concept that is sometimes difficult to grasp in an affluent society. We have come to believe that what we have is what we have earned, or what we deserve. We have much to learn from churches in societies that appear to have little physical resources yet find a depth of faith and joy in trusting in God’s abundant gifts. As we are taught through floods and hurricanes, the gifts that matter most are not material; they are the gifts of life, of relationship, of community. Ultimately, the greatest gift we have is our life in Christ: the gift of our union with God; the gift of forgiveness and love which we celebrate Sunday by Sunday.

To acknowledge God is only the beginning of stewardship. For once we say who God is for us then we are invited into the realm of God. A little bite of bread and a sip of wine bring us into communion with Jesus. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be the Body of Christ, the Church, and we have been entrusted with God’s presence in our world. We are brought into the work of God, the mission of the kingdom of God. As the prayer continues, this participation in the life of Christ will make demands on our lives. Through word and example we are called to witness, to be the presence of Jesus in our world.

How and where we invest our time, our energy, and our money shapes who we believe God is and who we are in relationship with God. As we near the secular feast of Thanksgiving to celebrate the gathering of the annual harvest, I would invite you to ponder what it means for you to give thanks (to make Eucharist) Sunday by Sunday in response to the gift of God in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How does your life reflect the gracious abundance of God? In what ways do you give of yourself in the name of Christ?

*The Rev. Jean Campbell*  
Rector

## Our Ministry of Music

### MUSIC NOTES

Do you know the favorite hymn of our President or any of his predecessors? There is an interesting book called “Presidential Praise – our presidents and their hymns” and is written by C. Edward Spann and Michael E. Williams, Sr. It is the inspiration for a Veteran’s Day Weekend Concert of Patriotic Music based around the theme of favorite hymns of the presidents. It will take place on November 13 at 4 p.m. at Christ Church in Poughkeepsie. This concert is a collaboration between the Central Hudson Valley American Guild of Organists and Christ Church. A free offering will benefit “Wounded Warriors”, a non-profit group that assists hospitalized veterans.

About half of our choir will be part of the regional choir presenting this concert. They will sing several patriotic anthems. There will be organ music based on these hymns as well. The audience will also have the opportunity to sing some of the hymns such as Barack Obama’s favorite: “Lift Every Voice and Sing”. Others include “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” which Gerald Ford liked and “Amazing Grace”, the favorite of Jimmy Carter. George Washington liked a hymn called “How Happy Is He Born and Taught”. The words are not in our Hymnal but the tune we’ll sing it to is familiar.

John Kennedy liked “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” while George H. W. Bush’s favorite hymn was “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”.

The Gress-Miles pipe organ at Christ Church has been recently refurbished and is well worth hearing as well. Many area organists will take turns playing pieces based on these hymns or with a patriotic theme.

Please join us on Sunday afternoon, November 13<sup>th</sup>. I think you’ll enjoy the concert.

*Beverly Simmons - Minister of Music*

## Worship Services

### Saturday Service

An informal Holy Eucharist is held at 5 PM on Saturdays. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Come as you are.

### Sunday Services

8 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 10 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II Choral Service  
 9:45 AM Church School

## Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Rosalie Sparacio, mother of Barbara Sparacio, who died on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the age of 93. May she rest in peace. Please keep Barbara, Frederick and Nathaniel in your prayers.

## Church School Schedule

Church School will begin at 9:30 AM on Sundays instead of 9:45. J2A will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of the month from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM and on each first Friday from 6 - 8 PM. YAC will meet on the first and third Sundays from 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM.



## New times for youth groups

The J2A group meets the 2nd and 4th Sundays after church and on the 4th Friday of the Month from 6 - 8PM.

The YAC group meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays after church.

## First Friday Gathering

All are invited to join a group who are gathering for scripture study, conversation and fellowship on the first Friday of the month. Our next gathering will be held on Friday, November 4th at 7 PM in



the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Blanks at 896-3713.

## Women's Book Club

The Women's Book Club will meet on **Wednesday, November 2nd** at Noon in the Library to discuss *The Archivist* by *Martha Cooley*. Books are available to sign out in the Library. Bring your lunch and join the discussion

## Newsletter Articles

If you're interested in submitting articles for the newsletter, please do so to [carolynsaldana@yahoo.com](mailto:carolynsaldana@yahoo.com) by the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please be mindful that articles must be consistent with Trinity's mission.

## New Coffee Hour Host Schedule

Coffee hour after the 10 AM service offers a special time of fellowship to catch up with old friends or to meet newcomers. Hosting coffee hour simply involves making coffee and tea and providing juice and a snack.



Teams of two hosts per Sunday are randomly compiled from the parish directory. Most parishioners will only have to host once or twice per year, unless you have previously opted-out of hosting duties. The 2011/12 roster is posted in the Parish Hall.

If you are unable to host on your assigned date, please try to switch with someone else. To be removed from the schedule, or if you have any questions, please email the office ([trinityfishkill@verizon.net](mailto:trinityfishkill@verizon.net)). Thank you for serving in this ministry!

## Eagle Scout Project at Trinity

Mario Campisi, a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 86, spent this past summer leading volunteers in preserving the historic Trinity Church cemetery located in Fishkill. The project was undertaken to fulfill his Eagle Scout service project requirement. The project also entailed researching the names of people buried in the cemetery to learn more about the people buried there and the history of Dutchess County.

In performing his research, he noted that Matthew Brett gave land for a Fishkill church to James Duncan and Richard Southard as trustees in 1767. The original church building, constructed by October 1768, is still used for worship today. After the church was built, a Bible and Common Prayer Book published in England in 1767, was sent to Trinity Church. The Bible is still held by the church and used on special occasions. Trinity then served as a hospital for Washington's army until at least 1781.

Mario, working with the Church, determined that a project focused on preservation of the graveyard, by cleaning the gravestones and researching the people buried there, would benefit the members and guests of the Church to help them better understand the historical aspect of the cemetery. To begin, Mario met with a professional cemetery preservationist to gain a full understanding of his project. He then led the volunteers, mostly from his Troop, in applying the techniques to clean, photograph and preserve the tombstones. This process resulting in 187 people being identified as buried in the cemetery from the 169 tombstones. The oldest tombstone belongs to Elizabeth Duncan, who died on July 4, 1770 and the last burial in the cemetery was Susan Van Wyck, who died on January 16, 1960. Mario identified 23 children and 143 adults buried in the cemetery. The results of the research did not identify the age of the remaining 21 individuals. Mario further noted 92 people were female and 83 were male

with the research again, not identifying the remaining 21 people.

Concurrent with the preservation efforts, Mario also began his genealogical review of the names on the tombstones. His research led to identifying 2 people, Greenlief Street and William Alger, as probably being on the original Vestry of the Church. He also identified 4 people, Greenlief Street (Captain), William Alger (Lieutenant), Sylvanus Pine (rank unknown) and Gilbert Weeks (Patriot) as being Revolutionary War veterans and Horatio Fulton (Private), being a Civil War veteran.

Also buried in the cemetery is Gulian Crommelin Ver Planck who was a member of the New York State Assembly from 1820 to 1823, Congress from 1825 to 1833, and the New York State Senate from 1838 to 1841. In total, there are 15 members of the extended Ver Planck family buried in the cemetery. The cemetery also has 15 members of the Pine family. Mario's research led him to discover that the Pine's were among the earliest families to settle Dutchess County.

With the project nearing completion, Mario posted his research on the internet. To date, 2 families, one from California and one from North Carolina, have contacted him about their family members buried in the cemetery. Mario was able to provide them with photographs of their ancestor's grave thereby allowing them to reconnect with their past.

Mario the son of Lynne and Philip Campisi, reside in Poughquag and attend Trinity Episcopal Church in Fishkill. He is a Junior attending Arlington High School and currently serves as his Troop's Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

## Haitian Art and Handcraft Sale

First weekend in November

Spread the Word.....

Why should we try to help three hundred children in Chermaitre, a mountainous village in northwest Haiti? Or their families, who have never received the care of a doctor for their illnesses?



The story comes to mind of the parable inspired by Loren Easley:

*One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed*

*a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.*

*Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?"*

*The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean.*

*The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."*

*"Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are*

*miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish?*

*You can't make a difference!"*

*After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf.*

*Then, smiling at the man, he said.*

*"I made a difference for that one."*

For ten years, Andrew and I question what we are doing in Haiti in helping 'the least of thy brethren.' We visit the village of Chermaitre often and see small but important

changes that affect the lives of those who have so few material things. With the help of Trinity parishioners, we have begun to support medical care and now, with the building of a clinic, we will actually be able to bring sustained health care to these villagers.

Our art sale in November 4, 5, 6th needs YOUR help, not just in purchasing items, (we have over 200 pieces of art and thousands of handcrafts) but also in bringing friends to help and support our goal.

To meet the goal of raising all the money needed for the building of the clinic (\$23k) by January 2012, we have asked three churches to help. St. John's in Washington CT hosted a sale in September, and the Convent of the Sacred Heart School (K-12 grade) will host an event in January. With a successful sale at Trinity in November, we can meet this ambitious target!

Please make a big difference to these villagers. They count on our partnership.

### Why help?....Because we can....

Thank you for your partnership,  
Lila and Andrew Meade  
Trinity Haiti Outreach Committee

### Dates & Times

Set up:

Thursday	Nov. 3	4:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Friday	Nov. 4	9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Sale:

Friday	Nov. 4	3:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Saturday	Nov. 5	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday	Nov. 6	11:00 am – 2:00 pm

## RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

Here is the latest report from TNT. We've done it again! A week of hard work, collecting, sorting, setting up, rearranging, trying to keep the room neat and tables orderly, and finally pricing all the "stuff". Everything and everyone has to be ready with a smile, a greeting and a prayer for our long line of customers, waiting anxiously to enter, or should I say run, to where they want to find their treasures. Yes, we are tired by the end of the day, but HAPPY.

The next day is Bag Sale Day. This is when our customers help us clean up what is left. Every customer is given a bag and told they only pay \$2.00 for every bag that they fill. And I am amazed at how much can be stuffed in one bag. The shoppers are happy and so are we.

We want to thank everyone who helped with the sale, those who donated, those who helped setup, those who worked at the sale, those who shopped, and of course everyone who helped clean up.

Thank you to everyone who sent in the delicious baked goods for the sale, we made \$161 for the Food Pantry.

And the best news yet is that for our week of hard work we made \$3,518 for the Rummage Sale.

Thanks to everyone who helped us with another successful Rummage Sale.

## Trinity's Food Pantry

**PLEASE CUT THIS OUT AND SAVE IT**

Pantry Items that we always need and use **ESPECIALLY WHEN ON SALE** include pasta & sauce, chili, stew, 'canned pasta' (spagettio's etc.) baked beans, soup - chunky or condensed, tuna, veggies, fruit, rice, mac & cheese, crackers, peanut butter, oatmeal, cold cereal, and powdered milk.

**OR**

## “Just One Can”

The Food Pantry's requested food items are:

**November 6th - pasta sauce**

**November 13th - canned vegetables**

**November 20th – canned fruit**

**November 27th – rice (2lb.bag)**

Thank you for feeding those in need.  
Trinity Food Pantry Volunteers

## Happy Birthday!

November 2	Theo Bates
November 7	Jan Humbert
November 9	Lauren Swarthout
November 11	David Johnson
November 13	Nicole Dotter
November 16	Ken Ludlum, Elizabeth McCollum
November 19	Peter McMillan
November 22	Lucas Douglas
November 24	Ann-Marie Blackman
November 26	Bob Rothmann
November 28	Beverly Simmons
November 29	Jud Mackey
November 30	Carol LaCicero

**SERVING SCHEDULE:  
OCTOBER 30 - DECEMBER 25, 2011**

DATE	SERVICE	VEST. REP	ALMS	LECTORS	EUCARIST MINISTER	ACOLYTES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
OCTOBER 30TH 20TH SUNDAY	8:00 AM	K. LaBORDE		K. LaBORDE K. GROSS	M. KALAN	K. SMITH	K. LaBORDE		SUSAN QUADE & JULIE DOTTER
AFTER PENTECOST	10:00 AM	T. BADURA	T. BADURA J. MIERZWA	L. STOFKO S. URQUHART	T. BUNKER J. DOTTER	[C] T. SCHWEIGER M. HUMBERT [E] B. McCOLLUM N. LECKER	ANNA & BOB TETRAULT	MARILYN & VOLUNTEERS	
NOVEMBER 6TH 21ST SUNDAY	8:00 AM	P. McMILLAN		P. McMILLAN J. HUMBERT	M. SCHAPPERT	D. LaBORDE	P. McMILLAN	TEAM A JEAN	HAITIAN ART SALE
AFTER PENTECOST	10:00 AM	S. QUADE	S. QUADE T. QUACKENBUSH	D. HILSCHER T. QUACKENBUSH	J. DOTTER J. MIERZWA	[C] T. SCHWEIGER E. VICE [E] B. McCOLLUM N. LECKER	MARY HENDRICKS JAY ANDERSON	MARILYN JULIE DANEEN	
NOVEMBER 13TH 22ND SUNDAY	8:00 AM	S. QUADE		S. QUADE K. LUDLUM	B. SIMMONS	M. KALAN	S. QUADE	TEAM B JUNE	COMMITMENT SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST	10:00 AM	C. SMITH	C. SMITH J. DOTTER	K. SMITH M. A. KALBFUS	J. ANDERSON M. HENDRICKS	[C] L. DOUGLAS J. FOREMAN [E] B. McCOLLUM N. LECKER	BOB DRENNAN BOB ROTHMANN	MARY DIANA	
NOVEMBER 20TH CHRIST THE KING LAST SUNDAY	8:00 AM	C. SMITH		C. SMITH K. SMITH	M. KALAN	K. SMITH	C. SMITH	TEAM C EVELYN	JEAN WINKLER & TINA SNYDER
AFTER PENTECOST	10:00 AM	M. SULLIVAN	M. SULLIVAN D. WILLMAN	J. PICARD C. WILLMAN	J. DOTTER T. BUNKER	[C] T. BUNKER D. LECKER [E] E. FOREMAN	CHARLOTTE & DWIGHT WILLMAN	CONNIE CAROLYN	
NOVEMBER 23RD THANKSGIVING EVE	7:00 PM				P. BUNKER	L. MIERZWA-SYDNOR	VESTRY REP		
NOVEMBER 27TH 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00 AM	M. SULLIVAN		M. SULLIVAN T. QUACKENBUSH	M. SCHAPPERT	P. BUNKER	M. SULLIVAN	TEAM D JANE	CAROL FOREMAN & LAURA DOUGLAS
	10:00 AM	A. VAN DER STUYF	A. VAN DER STUYF	R. VAN DER STUYF S. BLANKS	J. MIERZWA D. HILLARD	[C] K. SMITH R. LECKER [E] B. McCOLLUM	SHARON URQUHART LLOYD STOFKO	MARYANNE LOIS TERRI	
DECEMBER 4TH 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00 AM	A. VAN DER STUYF		A. VAN DER STUYF M. B. SHIRZADI	B. SIMMONS	B. ADLER	A. VAN DER STUYF	TEAM A JEAN	DEANA POLICHETTI & MARY KALAN
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DECEMBER 11TH 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:00 AM	T. BADURA		T. BADURA K. GROSS	M. KALAN	D. LaBORDE	T. BADURA	TEAM B JUNE	JERRY PICARD & SHEILA NEWMAN
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DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE	5:00 PM				M. KALAN J. MIERZWA	[C] J.C. HUSTON J. FOREMAN [E] E. FOREMAN L. DOUGLAS	T. CASAREGOLA O. DUNSTAN		
	10:00 PM		C. SMITH		T. BUNKER P. BUNKER	[C] L. MIERZWA-SYDNOR E. VICE K. SMITH	JULIE & VINCE DOTTER		
DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY	10:00 AM				D. HILLARD	M. KALAN [C] N. LECKER D. LECKER [E] R. LECKER	VESTRY REP	TEAM D JANE MARYANNE LOIS TERRI	NO COFFEE HOUR

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON YOUR ASSIGNED DAY, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT AND NOTIFY LINDA AT 896-9884