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Will our Children have Faith?

Will our children have faith is a question many ask. All too often we have seen a pattern of children going to Church and to Sunday School only to reach the age of 16 and leave the Church. Statistics show that very few find their way back. Over the past five decades more and more people have rejected organized religion, seeking their own path to truth, and leaving the larger questions of what gives meaning to life to others. Their children have grown up with no structure to give them meaning in times of crisis or joy.

The greatest challenge that the Church faces today is how to form people in the Christian Life. People are not born Christian, Christians are made. Christians are made through hearing and responding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; Christians are made by participation in the weekly gatherings for prayer and Eucharist; Christians are made in building their relationship with God and with the Body of Christ; and Christians are made in shaping their daily lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. It is a life long journey which unfolds in the fabric of our lives.

Children learn to be Christians by watching the adults around them. Children learn to value what their parent's value. If participation in the Christian community is important to the parents, it becomes important to the children. How adults treat each other will teach children how to treat others. Those things adults hold sacred will become sacred to children. How parents share what they have with others will teach their children to share. How parents serve one another and the world around them models servant hood to their children. The list can go on and on. The bottom line is how children experience church will shape their experience and relationship with God. And how children experience the faith of their parents will shape their own faith.

Trinity is blessed with an active program for our children and young adults. From the age of 3, children are encouraged to attend *Godly Play*. It is a time when young children begin to learn the patterns of how Christians gather for prayer and celebration, as well as learning the foundational stories of God's saving act throughout history. This year our children will journey through the wondrous acts of creation, the stories of Abraham and Sarah, The Exodus, The Parables of Jesus, and the wonder of Christmas and Easter.

From sixth grade and up we begin to enter into a program called *Journey to Adulthood* which has three phases. The first is called Rite 13 and deals with children as they begin to enter the teen years. Here they begin to know what is expected of a Christian in prayer, knowing scripture, participating in worship, and learning how to serve others in mission. The second is Journey to Adulthood which continues to give tools to youth to become mature adult Christians. It is a program which often culminates in a Pilgrimage where young people are given an opportunity to reflect on their journey toward adulthood and their relationship with God and the Church. The final journey is toward accepting mature adult responsibility in their final preparations for Confirmation.

But Christian Formation does not end with Confirmation; it is only the beginning of a life long journey in living the Christian life. As Adults each of us grows in our knowledge and love of God and in our life of service to others. For only as the Adults of the congregation practice their faith can children learn to be faithful.



The Rev. Jean Campbell
Rector

Our Ministry of Music

MUSIC NOTES

With the return of the choir on September 11th there will be more music back in our 10 a.m. service. One of those things is, of course, the choir anthem. Why do we do this? It is an opportunity for those with musical gifts to offer them up to God in praise. The congregation can join in by listening attentively and letting the choir “speak” for them.

So how do I go about choosing an anthem? First I look at the text. It needs to convey a message for the day or season or fit in with a general theme of praise and thanksgiving or, during penitential seasons, with the themes of repentance and forgiveness. If the text doesn't work I look no further at the piece.

Next comes an evaluation of the music. Can our choir sing it? Will it sound good with our voices or does it need a choir of 50? Can our choir learn it in a reasonable length of time? If it is difficult and I want to do it anyway, will there be some easier anthems in the weeks preceding so more time can be spent on the difficult piece. Is the music of good quality? I also try to make sure that over a period of time we have sung anthems from many of the different periods of music history. And, of course, we all love to sing some of our favorites from years past and not just new pieces. When we sing a piece that the choir and/or congregation obviously likes a lot, then I try to remember to do it again the next year or year after.

Each year I receive CD's and sheet music from music publishers who are extolling the virtues of their new anthem publications. I also attend “reading sessions” when I go to the American Guild of Organists Convention. Here a room full of organists form a choir and we sing through anthems to decide if we like them and want to do them at our respective churches. As I prayerfully sing and listen I am using all of the above criterion to evaluate a piece. I probably choose one new anthem for every 40 or 50 I listen to. It can be a tedious job. I also look through our growing choral library for anthems to use again.

One such piece which we did last spring we will do again on September 18th. *Welcome Table* by Mark Hayes is an arrangement of a spiritual which should have you tapping your foot and wanting to sing along. I hope you enjoy it and find it uplifting as well.

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

Newsletter Articles

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

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, September 2nd 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, September 7th** at Noon in the Library to discuss *While I was Gone* by Sue Miller. Books are available to sign out in the Library. Bring your lunch and join the discussion

Church School Registration

Church School Registration for 2011/12 will take place on **Sunday, September 11th** at 9:30 AM. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Jennifer McMillan a jenipete@optonline.net

Voices of Women

September 24, 2011 at 7PM there will be a production of the play "Voices of Women" in the parish hall. Tickets will be \$15.00. Mark your calendar and look for details to follow.

Episcopobuild Bus Tour

On **Saturday, September 17th** at 11AM there will be a special "Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" bus tour to learn about **Habitat for Humanity** and its work in Newburgh. This tour will highlight the four houses which have been built by the Episcopal Churches of the Hudson Valley, including contributions from Trinity Church. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the mission of the church in action, to learn about current projects, and plans for the future. This tour will include lunch in one of the waterfront restaurants in Newburgh. The cost will be \$20 per person. If you are interested, please email Linda in the parish office at trinityfishkill@verizon.net.

J2A Luncheon

The J2A group will host a luncheon and presentation on **Sunday, September 18th** to discuss their experiences during their recent pilgrimage to the Borderlands Ranch.

Trinity Parish Picnic

Our Parish Picnic will be held on **Sunday, September 11th** after the 10 AM service. BBQ main dish will be provided, guests are asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. We need volunteers to help coordinate food, setup, and cleanup. Please email Adam Van Der Stuyf at rvafv43@yahoo.com or use the sign-up sheets in the narthex and Parish Hall if you can help.

Haiti Outreach Mission

The outreach mission in Chermaitre Haiti has progressively made improvements over the past ten years. Each year, we have seen improvements made in the village, dramatically changing the lives of the villagers. This past year, we have seen water fountains dispersed by three cisterns emerge in front of the school, where village women can now fill their canisters with water before and after each school day. Think of the time saved for these women who no longer have to walk to the base of the mountain for their water needs! We have also seen several thousand seedling trees planted by the villagers which will yield fruit in the years to come and also help reforest the barren mountains!

The sale of Haitian art and handcrafts has made this all possible. It is a great way for Haiti to help Haiti! With the help of dozens of volunteers, this project and mission has been a tremendous success.

This coming November 4-6th, Trinity Fishkill will call on our parishioners to continue to help the medical initiative for the villagers of Chermaitre. Proceeds from an art and handcraft sale will help insure the building of two rooms adjacent to the church which will serve as the clinic for Chermaitre. We had a test run on our visit in June where Dr. Racine, along with the help of two pre-med students, opened the church to some 60 patients who needed medical care. The altar served as the examining room, which didn't really leave much room for privacy.

Building two new rooms will help: one room will be for examining patients and the other room will hold pharmaceutical medicines in a locked cabinet. The church itself will be the triage and waiting area for the patients.

The patients were excited about their new medical treatment and worried that it will not

continue. We have made a promise to them that the clinic will be opened and with continued support, we will be able to care for them on a regular basis. The building of the new clinic rooms will start in the coming month.

We will need your help to stretch paintings, help set up the Parish Hall in November and to cover the shifts during the sale. Please call Pam Bunker or Deb Hillard if you would like to be part of this global effort to help those in the Episcopal Church in Chermaitre. 845.226.7734. Please tell your friends about the sale and help us make this a spectacular event.

All new ideas will be gratefully considered!
Lila Meade

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 for the month of May are:

September 4th – chili
September 11th – tuna
September 18th – hearty soup
September 25th – spaghettiO's

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

Good day,

As the new leader of the Sunday School Program for Trinity, I am very excited about the upcoming season of Sunday school classes.

Registration will take place on Sunday, September 11th, and will begin at 9:30. As the process of filling out paperwork takes about 15 minutes, I encourage parents to arrive no later than 9:45 in order to complete the forms and not to be late for the 10:00 service. A Sunday School project will take place that day, so the children can stay in the Sunday School rooms. Also, don't forget the church picnic directly following the service.

Sister Jean has created a fresh and innovative lesson schedule for the year which will be handed out to parents at registration along with a packet of gifts for the children who will be attending Sunday School. The lessons will also be posted on the Trinity website on a weekly basis.

Although we have a great team of storytellers/teachers and door people, extra help is always welcome. If you are interested in lending a helping hand in any capacity, please contact me as soon as possible.

I will be contacting parents shortly after registration to set up a get-together, and if you have any questions about the program, lessons, student involvement, or any suggestions that would make the program motivating for your child, please bring these to me at that meeting.

If you are planning on enrolling your child in Sunday School and cannot make it on September 11th for registration, please contact me and I will mail forms to you. I can be reached at 845-831-6789, or at jenipete@optonline.net any time to answer any questions.

The Sunday School team is looking forward to working with your children, and I look forward to seeing you at registration.

Thank you, and God Bless,
Jennifer McMillan

Happy Birthday!

9/4	Michelle	Lacuessa
9/7	Evelyn	Bentley
9/9	Leslie	Quade
9/11	Rick	Soedler
9/12	Jay	Anderson
9/13	Jacob	Dusavage
9/15	Lois	Dougherty
9/17	Rosemarie	Waian
9/18	Marilyn	Sullivan
9/19	Kathy	Engle
9/20	Nancy	Bitteker
9/22	Justin	Rousseau
9/24	Ted	Izzo
9/24	Chris	Schneeberger
9/27	Jeanne	Mierzwa