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GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

At the end of every Eucharist we hear a “dismissal” which sends us out to proclaim the Good News of Christ and to love and serve the Lord. We are a community committed to serving one another and the world around us. This truth is lived daily in the number of volunteers who serve to maintain our life as a faithful community. The number of people who offer their gifts and talents to care for and maintain our life together is a unique aspect of Trinity Church.



Easter Sunday is a prime example of people sharing their talents. The Altar Guild with help from our J2A youth group and others cleaned and polished the Church so that you could see your face reflected in the shine. Volunteers arranged the flowers and filled the space with beauty and wonder. Musicians came to the fore with a brass quartet and woodwinds while the choir, who puts in hours of practice, offered musical treasures old and new. The choir was resplendent in their new choir robes purchased with the proceeds of the work of those who organize, contribute, and run the rummage and stuff sales. Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Acolytes made for an offering of praise and thanksgiving, properly and in order. The Wednesday Crew placed the outdoor crosses for the children to experience the Stations of the Cross, and to flower on Easter Sunday, as well as stuffing Easter eggs for the hunt. Twenty five Easter dinners, provided by members of the congregation, were delivered to Grace Smith House by our youth. And to top it all off, we continued the celebrations of Easter in the festive brunch provided in the parish house following the service. All being done by parish volunteers!

But as we all know, Easter is not a day but a way of living. Volunteers support and sustain our life at Trinity throughout the year. For the past year volunteers have been renovating one of the two apartments that we rent at 18 and 181/2 Main St. Much of the upkeep and repair on our buildings are done by volunteers who offer their time and their talent saving Trinity a great deal of money. Church School teachers clean their own rooms because our cleaning service only cleans the floors. Others clean the parish hall and church on a regular basis. The planting and care of flowers, the Columbarium, weeding the playground, and the sweeping of sidewalks are done by parishioners. Volunteers provide meals when needed, put together newsletters, organizing Day Timer lunches, and funeral receptions.

So often the work to keep Trinity going is done by individuals or small groups and the work often goes unnoticed. On May 1st we have a wonderful opportunity to come together and to work on a parish clean up day. You are invited to come to church in your work clothes and together we can pull a weed, set up lunch, prune a bush, clean a window, or move some trash.

Above all, it is a time when we can say thank you to one another for sustaining our life together at Trinity Church. May you have a blessed Easter Season.

The Rev. Jean Campbell
Rector

Our Ministry of Music

MUSIC NOTES

From all of us in the choir a great big Thank You to TNT for the money necessary to purchase our new and much needed choir robes. The cassock and cotta (to give the technical terms) robes are traditional in most Episcopal churches. The color blue goes with the interior of Trinity Church. We will be wearing them at the Easter Vigil for the first time. We hope you'll like our new look.

In May you will also hear a new piece of music when the choir sings "Psalm 100" by Maris Kristopsons, who lives in the Hudson Valley. He is the organist at St. Paul's in Poughkeepsie and is also a composer.

I mentioned in my last article that hymns (or anthems for that matter) are usually written by two different people. There is the poet who writes the words and the composer who writes the music. Last month I gave an example of the former with the poem by Brian Wren which we sang on Maundy Thursday. This time we will hear a new music setting of Psalm 100 on May 8th. I would guess that the four short verses of this Psalm have been set to music through the ages by literally thousands of composers and yet it still inspires others as well.

As with all new hymns or anthems, both words and music, one never knows which ones will survive the test of time. But one of the joys of singing new hymns and anthems is that we are part of the process that determines what will continue. If we like it and recommend it to others it is more likely to be sung 10 or 20 years from now. If we decide it's not that good then perhaps it will go the way of all flesh and die out.

A repeated phrase in the Psalms is: Sing to God a new song. This applies to everyone, by the way, not just the choir. In Revelation we read that in heaven the saints and angels are singing a new song. So part of the job of the church is both to be faithful to God's command and to anticipate heaven. We will continue to sing new songs as well as our old favorites as we practice getting ready for heaven!

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, May 6th at 7 PM in the Library. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Blanks at 896-3713.



College Graduate

Congratulations to College Graduate Kimberly Huston (B.A. from Pennsylvania State University). May God bless you in all your future endeavors!



**SOS SOS!
MAYDAY MAYDAY!
HELP HELP!**

Trinity's Food Pantry needs help!

In the 1st 3 weeks of April we have provided food for 71 people. That is 3 meals a day for 3 days and it equals 639 meals! Our shelves are almost empty. Our bags are packed for households of 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Here is the list of items that go into the bags. Shop for food items on sale each week. If you don't shop you can always contribute financially to the Pantry; please write 'Food Pantry' on envelope.

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:

May 1st – rice (2 lb. packages)
May 8th – canned fruit
May 15th – baked beans
May 22nd – SpaghettiOs
May 29th – dry pasta

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

Engraved Memorial Bricks

Now that spring has arrived, we hope to proceed with the installation of a brick paver sidewalk between the Church and 20 Main St. To raise money for this project, we have been taking orders for "memorial bricks" that can be engraved with the names of friends and loved ones.



The cost per engraved brick is \$100. The bricks fit three lines of text, with a maximum of 13 characters per line. Memorial brick order forms are available in the narthex.

If you have any questions, please call Bob Tetrault at (914) 213-0564.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Christopher Trent from Troop 41 Glenham, NY contacted Trinity Church as part of his Eagle Scout project. He is working with the Dutchess Economic Development Corp in conjunction with Dutchess County Tourism. He developed a Revolutionary Trail through Dutchess County. He has placed questions at each site and when all questions are answered participants can receive a special commemorative coin. You can find more information at the website of Dutchess County Tourism.

Can you find and answer the question at Trinity?

Happy Birthday!

5/2 - Fran Beattie	5/15 Jordan Stofko
5/3 - Dennis Pendzuk	5/16 Kelly Hilscher
5/3 - Tina Snyder	5/17 John Badura
5/6 - Caroline Douglas	5/19 - Bea Bialko
5/7 - Sarah Shirzadi	5/20 - Mary Hendricks
5/8 - Marjorie Zysk	5/21 - Wayne Bunker
5/11 - Joan Von Bergen	5/22 - Melissa Billings
5/12 - James Daniels	5/24 - Rachel Van Der Stuyf
5/12 - Timothy Schweiger	5/28 - Dick Kalbfus
5/13 - Julie Dotter	5/28 - Frederick Villforth
5/14 - Andrew Meade	5/29 - Robert Lecker
5/15 - Jennifer McMillan	5/29 - Sally McCloskey

Great Strides Walk for a Cure Jordan's Angels Walk Team



On June 5, the Stofko family plans to take part in the Great Strides Walk this year. As many of you know, our son Jordan has Cystic Fibrosis. This is a genetic disease that currently has no cure.

The current life expectancy is still at 37 years of age but there is much research being done. To extend they are working on finding a way to stop the disease from progressing and maybe we will even see a cure in Jordan's life time. This year many of you may have seen me in church growing. We are expecting our 2nd child on the same day, June 5. We have done genetic testing and have found out that he will not have the disease but be a carrier instead. We are thankful to God every day for answering our prayers that we will only have to walk for one child. Jordan and Lloyd plan to walk even if I cannot (assuming I am not in labor). Either way all donations will be made or sent into the foundation.

Every year for the past 6 years we have asked if you would like to join us in our walk or donate to our cause. We appreciate anything you can do. Jordan is turning 7 this May and thankfully has been relatively healthy even despite this terrible winter. As of February he has only had 2 colds and been on antibiotic once. We do daily treatments that take about 30 minutes twice a day to keep him this way and he is one of the lucky ones. If you can find it in your hearts to join us this year in our walk or to donate to our team (Jordan's Angels) we would greatly appreciate it. You may write a check to Trinity Church and note that it's for Jordan's Angels CF walk. There will be envelopes in the narthex that you can use for the

donations or you may go online to http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/ and under find a team type in Jordan's Angels. This will allow you to click on my name and make a donation.

Either way you choose to donate and no matter how much you can afford it's still a Great Stride in the right direction. \$.90 of every \$1 donated goes directly to research. I don't know of any other charitable organization that can tell you that. For more information you can go to www.cff.org or feel free to ask me.

We thank you and God Bless,
Jayme, Lloyd and Jordan Stofko
(and the baby boy to come)

Recipe For A Scrumptious Rummage Sale

A Ton of Seasonal Clothing (spring & summer.)

A bushel with Lots of 'stuff' like books, dishes, glasses, pots & pans, white elephants, small appliances (write note indicating if it works – you know people always ask!)

An Army of Volunteers to sort, sell and clean up.

Season with humor, love and camaraderie.

Omit large appliances, microwaves, TV's and 'yucky dirty, stuff'.

Mix all for 6 days and watch for spectacular results.

Questions for chefs...
Rosemarie 297-5572
Mary 896-9596
Linda 463-0152

Basic info:

Sale May 28th & 29th

Bring in items...

Sun, May 22nd – Wed. Noon

Volunteers needed PLEASE use signup sheet, especially for sale days.

J2A Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is a time to walk in the footsteps of those who have gone before us in faith. It is a time of fun, reflection and journey, so that we can see ourselves and our God in new ways. It is a time of transformation which can take place during the journey or unfold in our lives months and years after.



Eight of our young adults and three adult chaperones will make a pilgrimage in June to the Borderlands Ranch in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The Black Hills are a sacred gathering space for the Lakota (Sioux) people. It is a land unique in its history and geology, a land of beauty, a land of wonder and of tragedy. It is home to Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Monument; to the Badlands National Park and the Pine Ridge Reservation; to Wind Cave and Mt Harney, the highest peak east of the Rockies and the place of Black Elk's vision; to Wounded Knee and the beauty of Custer State Park.

Our Journey to Adulthood group (J2A) are busy raising money to cover a portion of the cost of this trip. On May 21st they will sponsor a coffee break on I-84 and will seek your help with baked goods and staffing.

We ask your prayers and your support as they make this pilgrimage of faith. If you would like to help sponsor a pilgrim, please make your donation to Trinity marked for the J2A Pilgrimage.