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This past week as the warm sunny weather turned cold and windy, I found myself feeling amused by the reminder that the first days of warm weather aren't the sign that coats and heavy blankets can be packed away. There is almost never a seamless transition from winter to spring. Instead, there are fits and starts of spring: a few warm days here and there, warm days and frigid nights, and eventually spring settles in. For me, each round of "fake spring" feels like another chance to get excited again when it gets warmer. Each round of "fake spring" is a reminder that often in life there are very few transitions that seamlessly flow in one direction. Instead, transition often feels like beginning again over and over until at some point one settles into the new season of life (at least until the next season of transition).

In the six months that I've been here, there have been plenty of chances to begin again. When I arrived in September, outdoor in-person worship had resumed at 8 a.m. and Zoom worship at 10 a.m. was humming along. About the time that I started to feel like I was getting into a nice worship groove and plans were coming along to bring the 10 a.m. service back in person, numbers spiked and we had to pivot. Time to begin again. Trinity Academy was getting settled

into in-person learning for the school year and then...building issues; they had to go remote. Time to begin again. There have been plenty more examples of times that I've felt like I was getting a grip on things and that we were headed into "spring" only to realize that I needed to stop and begin again. I am very grateful that in all of these new beginnings, I've been surrounded by amazing staff and lay leaders. Any time there was a building thing, Vinnie, Barbara and Tom took care of just about everything. Through all of the iterations of worship, Michelle, Casey and Jake have been an awesome team to figure things out with. Whenever I needed someone to bounce something off of, Martha was there to listen. There are many others that I could name who have been such a gift in these early months of transition.

Looking ahead to this summer, we will (hopefully) be back to some rhythm of gathering in person for worship and community connection. Another chance to begin again. I've never met many of you in person. I've never worshipped in the sanctuary with your warm spirits filling the space. I've never experienced the office buzzing with volunteers. Another chance to begin again...again...and again.

As we approach this year's celebration of Easter, I am holding on, more than I have in a long time, to the gift of new life offered in the Resurrection. I am holding on to the reminder that, in the midst of our tears, grief, bewilderment, amazement, excitement about possibility, or whatever else we are carrying in our hearts, Jesus finds us in the garden, calls us by name, and walks with us into new life so that we can begin again.

The Reverend D. Littlepage, Rector



Coming Up in the Adult Forum

The following Adult Forum sessions will all be held via Zoom after the Sunday 10:00 a.m. church service and the coffee hour. (Note that the Sunday services themselves are accessed through YouTube.)

April 11 – Finding Easter Despite a Pandemic

It has been a tragic year for some and a trying year for pretty much everyone. How do we find the promise and the joy of Easter in a world that's still far from normal? Rev. D. will share her thoughts and lead a conversation.

April 25 – Parenting Through a Pandemic

Parish members with children at home will share their ups and downs and lessons learned from a year of cabin fever, home-schooling, and other challenges. Do you not have kids at home? Here's a chance to find out what others have been coping with. Do you have kids at home? Please join us and share your thoughts and experiences! If you have any questions or would like to know more, contact Roy McAlpine at rmcalpine@comcast.net.

May 2 – Michelle Horsley

Our Director of Music Ministries will lead a session on a musical topic to be announced.

May 16 – Calling God “Father”

In the Jewish and Christian traditions, we have grown up referring to God as “Father,” particularly when we address God in prayer. In the context of biblical times, what did it mean to use that term? And what does it mean to us today? Anne Rapkin will lead this session.

May 23 – College Panel

Calling all Trinity Church college students! We'd love to have you participate in this panel discussion on college life in 2020-21. Please contact Roy McAlpine at rmcalpine@comcast.net.

The college panel was very popular last year, and we want to make it an annual event. This is a chance for us to catch up with the wonderful young people we've sent out into the world – and also for the students to catch up with one another.

As always, the schedule above represents the plan for upcoming forum sessions as of the publication date of this Voice. Watch the weekly eVoice and the Sunday bulletins for updates to this list.

Holy Week Special Offerings To Support Refugee Work

Our 2021 Good Friday and Easter offerings have been designated by the Vestry for IRIS, Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, a non-profit agency whose mission is to help refugees and other displaced people establish new lives, strengthen hope, and contribute to the vitality of Connecticut's communities.

Trinity Church has worked with this New Haven agency for a number of years in our parish's work with the refugee families we sponsor.

Your box of offering envelopes includes special offering envelopes which can be mailed in to the parish office with your check made out to Trinity Church and earmarked “Good Friday/ Easter Offering.” You can also contribute online through our website, trinityhartford.org; click on “Giving”, then “Specified Fund.” You can make your donation via PayPal or credit/debit card. Be sure to specify your envelope number and the fund (Good Friday/Easter Offering) to which your contribution should go in the blank field above “Have a PayPal account?” on the page where you enter your account information. This will ensure your contribution is credited to you and goes to the correct fund.

Congratulations to Our New Confirmands!

After nearly a year's delay brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, two life-long members of Trinity Church, Jane Mogor and Margaret Rousseau, were confirmed at Trinity by the Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas, Bishop Diocesan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, during the 10:00 a.m. service on February 28. Several of their family members were able to be present in person, and many more watched the service on YouTube. Congratulations, Margaret and Jane!



H O L Y · W E E K

To access YouTube services, go to YouTube.com and search for “Trinity Episcopal Hartford.”

SATURDAY, March 27

3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Palms in the Farmington Avenue parking lot

This short service will be followed by the distribution of palms from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

PALM SUNDAY, March 28

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer call-in service

Dial in by phone to 929-436-2866; the meeting ID is 881 9858 5999. Charges may apply.

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion – via YouTube

The service will feature traditional hymns led by the Choir School members from the Mogor family, and Daniel Moe’s anthem “Hosanna to the Son of David,” in collaboration with Emanuel Lutheran Church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1

12:00 noon Noonday Prayer – via Zoom

Join the service at zoom.us/join; the meeting ID is 597 938 892, and the password is 323842. Also accessible via call-in at 929-436-2866 with the same ID and password; charges may apply.

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion – via YouTube

This service will feature a trio of Choir School officers singing “Ubi Caritas” by Mary Lynn Lightfoot, a collaborative bell choir offering of “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word,” and all the choristers singing “What Wondrous Love is This.” The service will include hymns to be sung by the congregation, and will end with the stripping of the altar, accompanied by Olivier Messiaen’s mystical music.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy – via YouTube

The choristers and adult choir members will sing “When Jesus Wept” by William Billings. Adult choir members, joined by the community, will also sing “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?”

EASTER EVE, April 3

7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter – via YouTube

Following ancient Christian tradition, this service will begin outside with the kindling of the New Fire. Each lesson will be followed by a musical response as the story of salvation is told.

Note: This service begins a half hour later than the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday evening services.

EASTER DAY, April 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in-person service in the Memorial Garden

In case of inclement weather, this service will be held in the parking lot, where it can be heard on radio station FM 90.9, and Communion (bread only) will be distributed under the shelter of the overhang.

10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist – via YouTube

This joyous celebration of Easter, featuring traditional hymns and triumphant organ music, will include the Choir School of Hartford, joined by guests, singing Rosephanye Powell’s “Non Nobis Domine.”

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Distribution of Communion consecrated at 10:00 a.m. service

Drive-through distribution of Communion (bread only) will take place in the Farmington Avenue parking lot.

Cycle of Prayer for April and May

April 4

Kate Lindsay
Lou Loomis
Jacqui & Marc Lucier

April 11

Adair Lummis
Mark & Linda MacGougan
Maria Maldonado

April 18

Susanne Mantel
Fred Margeson
Maung Oo, Ma Aye,
Paw Say Wah, Tro Moo &
John Aye Moo

April 25

Emily & Christian Mesias and
Paul Maya
Karen & Jenna Mayfield
Roy McAlpine & Emily Estes

May 2

Antoinette McCrary
Marsha McCurdy Adell and
Zoe & Morgan Adell
Ray McFarland

May 9

Richard McMenamy
Merle Melhado
Judy Miller

May 16

Lily & Marc Miller
Carmen Modeste & Celine Stephens
Clement, Ifeoma, Jane, Olivia,
Krista, Austin & Franklin Mogor

May 23

Kenneth Mogor
Elizabeth Moore
Margaret Moore

May 30

Donald Neely
Ula Nurse
Enid & Tom Oberholtzer

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Thursday mid-day prayers at noon (via Zoom)

Sundays at 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in the Memorial Garden (as of 4/5)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Eucharist (via YouTube)

Links to services at trinityhartford.org

The Reverend Dorothea M. Littlepage, Rector
Michelle Horsley, Director of Music Ministries

Assisting Clergy:

The Reverend George A. Chien
The Reverend Dr. Frank G. Kirkpatrick
The Right Reverend Andrew D. Smith
The Reverend C. Jon Widing

The Reverend William J. Eakins, Rector Emeritus

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New Ways To Stay in Touch!

We are moving to a new kind of church record keeping system called Realm. It primarily helps with administrative needs, but it also offers some exciting opportunities to support the way you are involved in our church.

—STAYING—
CONNECTED

Not only will this improve work life for our staff, it will make it easier for our church family to connect with each other, keep up with what's going on, and grow as a connected community. You will be able to see your giving history, connect with small groups, and more easily communicate with other parishioners who have signed up for Realm. The more people use it, the better it will be.

Please note that you are able to control how much information is shared with whom. Additionally, personal information for anyone under 18 is automatically limited and children under 13 are not allowed to have a login (their information can be managed by their parent/guardian).

Detailed instructions on beginning to use Realm will be available on our website, trinityhartford.org, and we will continue to release additional guides to access more of the features. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Barbara in the Parish Office or to Rev. D.

P.S. Realm will be used in addition to, not instead of, the communication methods currently in use.

Notes from the February and March Vestry Meetings

The February vestry meeting opened with members' reflections on the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" as sung by CeCe Winans. The primary focus of the meeting was final passage of the Trinity budget for 2021. The gap in pledged income decreased dramatically during January. After reductions to several accounts, the budget was approved at \$747,400. It was decided by consensus that the budget will be presented to the congregation at a March adult forum.

Holy Week and Easter special offerings will be designated for Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services (IRIS).

Warden Tom Oberholtzer drew attention to the extraordinary efforts of Trinity's staff, in particular Barbara Roos and Vinnie Pacileo, in caring for our building over the past few months. A heating system pipe in the Education Wing burst in early February, causing the first floor classrooms and Goodwin Hall to flood, and leaking through the ceiling in Huntington Hall, flooding that classroom as well. Barbara discovered the flood, and, along with Vinnie, called for help; together they began the cleanup effort as best they could. Vinnie and Barbara are always our "first line of defense" when building issues arise.

Casey Rousseau and Rev. D. introduced the vestry to "Realm," Trinity's new automated system for keeping track of member data such as names and contact

information. It has more capability than our previous "ACS" system and will support our parish communications.

On March 2, the Vestry met on Zoom with Bishop Ian Douglas as part of his Episcopal Visit of February 28. Prior to the meeting, Vestry had been asked to become familiar with two historical documents, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" written in August 1963 by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and the original letter to which he was responding. The discussion focused on how our faith calls us to respond to the racism and white supremacy in our society. After a rich and thoughtful discussion with the Bishop, we were led in our final prayer, a recitation of Psalm 23, by Zoe and Morgan Sage Adell.

The regular March meeting of Vestry began with meditations on the hymn "When Peace Like a River." Vestry members have been invited to suggest songs and passages for the opening devotions as a way to enrich our faith relationship with each other.

In her report, Rev. D. said that a sign reading "Black Lives Matter – to God and to Us" has arrived and will be raised in the Close in the coming days. Vestry had authorized design and purchase of the sign at a meeting late in 2020. The Trinity Church sign at the Farmington Avenue entrance was destroyed in a car accident, and is in the process of being replaced. Planning for the full rollout of the Realm system is underway.

Trinity's return to in-person worship will begin with the 8 o'clock service on Easter in the Memorial Garden. The early service will be held in the garden from then on. In case of inclement weather, the service will be broadcast over car radios in the parking lot. Communion with bread only will be offered at that service. There will be an opportunity to receive communion in the parking lot following the 10 o'clock YouTube service as well.

Treasurer and "virtual verger" Casey Rousseau gave an update on improvements to Trinity's sound system. Equipment updates have greatly improved the sound quality of our YouTube services. However, additional equipment is needed to balance the sound when we return to full in-person worship in the sanctuary while continuing to live-stream on YouTube.

Warden Tom Oberholtzer reported that Erica Weinstock has agreed to chair the Memorial Garden Committee, to organize the planning and the work done in the garden by an army of faithful volunteers.

The leadership enrichment portion of the meeting was suggested by the Episcopal Church in Connecticut "Training Day" materials. In small groups, members of Vestry discussed two ideas: Strengths that our parish could share with others, and challenges we are facing as we try to engage God's mission beyond the walls of our church.



The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 5.

The office and buildings will also be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

***Praying The Lord's Prayer:
Be a Part of Our Video***

From now until March 31, Michelle Horsley, our Director of Music Ministries, is collecting videos of Trinity parishioners individually reciting the Lord's Prayer. She plans to compile all the videos she receives into a communal recitation of the prayer to be aired during the 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday livestream service on April 4. If you would like to participate, use your cell phone to record yourself reciting whichever version of the Lord's Prayer you prefer, then send the result to Michelle at mhorsley@trinityhartford.org.

Please choose a quiet, well-lit room to create your recording, and (this is important!) set your phone up in its horizontal position. Be sure to have your video in to Michelle by the 31st so she can include it in her compilation.

Birthdays of the Month



If you have an April or May birthday not listed below, please call Barbara Roos in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, so she can add your special day to our parish records.

April

Frederick Bohlen, Sr.	2
Frederick Bohlen, Jr.	2
Esther Igboanugo	4
Suliman Foster	6
Dan Foster	8
Casey Rousseau	8
Julius Blanchard	10
Sonia Watson	13
Linda MacGougan	14
Al Pereira	18
Sara Carson	19
Lily Miller	20
Grace Troiano	21
Bob Rutstein	22
Angelo Troiano	24
Sarah Paw Doh	25
Enid Oberholtzer	26
Kristen Williams	28
Norah White	28
Benjamin Foster	30
Pam Williams	30

May

Pat Bunker	1
Barbara Briggs	2
Bruce Wazorko	2
Margaret Romanik	5
Kenneth Okeke	10
Horace Johnson	11
Toni Fatone	11
Everett Post	12
Sekai Tengtenga	14
Advetus Bohlen	14
Tristan Changoo	15
Ngoni Tengtenga	18
Lah Ku Paw	18
Bertram Francis	20
John Aye Oo	26
Natalie Thomas	29
Maya Irizarry	30
Hope Eakins	30



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Light at the End of the COVID Tunnel: Upcoming Changes to Sunday Worship

As the COVID-19 situation seems to be easing somewhat in our area, some in-person options for our worship together can now be planned. Starting on Easter Sunday, the 8 a.m. service will once again be in-person Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Memorial Garden with Communion in one kind (bread only). If the weather is bad, the 8:00 a.m. service will

be held in the parking lot with the altar set up under the awning at the Farmington Avenue doors; participants can stay in their cars and tune their radios to 90.9 to hear the service and then come to the altar to receive Communion. Also beginning on Easter Sunday there will be drive-through Communion distribution (bread only, from the elements

consecrated at the 10 a.m. service) in the parking lot from 11:30-12:30 p.m., or from 12:30-1:30 on Sundays when there is an adult forum after the service. Zoom “coffee hours” after the 10:00 a.m. service will continue; distribution of communion is timed to allow for attendance at the coffee hours and adult forum sessions.

Easter Memorials



If you would like to make a contribution to the flowers and music for the 2021 Easter services in memory of, or in honor of, a friend or family member, or in celebration of a special event, please complete the information below. **Send the form, along with your check, to the parish office at 120 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06105 by Monday, March 29.** Checks should be made payable to Trinity Church and earmarked “Easter Memorials.” Names of those in whose memory, honor or celebration contributions are received will be listed in the Easter Eve and Easter Day bulletins. *Be sure to check the appropriate box to indicate if you would like your contribution to be used for Easter flowers or Easter music, or a 50/50 split.*



Trinity Church Easter Memorials 2021

I/we enclose a check for \$ _____ for the Trinity Church 2021 Easter memorials

(Please check one:) In memory of: In honor of: In celebration of:

(Please print)

Contributed by: _____

Address: _____

Best contact number: _____

Please designate my contribution for (check one box only):

Easter Music Easter Flowers 50/50 Flowers & Music

Kodály's *Missa Brevis*: A Moment of Remembrance

The churches of Trinity Episcopal, Emanuel Lutheran, and St. John's Episcopal are joining forces to perform Zoltán Kodály's masterwork for organ and choir, the *Missa Brevis*.

House during the height of the Allied bombing. The work was premiered in the opera house cloakroom, as it was one of the only rooms still standing during the bombings. The premiere was

performed by members of the skeleton opera company, for each other, as gunfire raged outside.

Our collaborative production of this work will include graduating choristers of the Choir School, section leaders,

and hired vocal professionals, recorded by an audio engineer. The mass will be filmed in the sanctuary of Trinity Episcopal Church, with 20 musicians masked and distanced. The

resulting concert video will be premiered during the last week of May, on a soon-to-be-determined date. All three music directors (Michelle Horsley, Scott Lamlein, and Jonathan Reuning-Scherer) will take turns conducting and playing. This concert is partially sponsored by the Jolidon Fund of the Greater Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

As we move past this COVID-19 era, we have decided to create this musical offering to recognize the global scale of loss during the pandemic, and we have chosen this work as we believe in what it represents. The circumstances of the Kodály *Missa Brevis* speak to triumph and hope in the midst of strife and devastating isolation.

We are lifting this up in response to our current crisis, as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

– Michelle Horsley
Director of Music Ministries



Budapest in the Aftermath of World War II

Although he originally wrote the piece in 1942 strictly as an organ work, Kodály (1882-1967) reworked it into a choral mass in 1945 while sheltering in the basement of the Budapest Opera

Easter Memorials

Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association—Winter 2020-2021

The continuing restrictions on in-person meetings mean AHNA currently meets solely via Zoom. This allows more individuals to participate, as they do not have to travel to the meeting. We continue to meet the first Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome.

The AHNA executive director, David Mac Donald, suffered a stroke in late April. He's in rehab right now and making a good recovery. Prior to the stroke he was working with the Board members and Ted Carroll on developing new Strategic Planning Goals. We will be organizing task forces in eight areas:

- Economic Development
- Public Safety
- Environment/Green Task Force
- Youth Enrichment
- Housing/Historic Preservation/Blight Remediation
- Arts and Culture
- Human Services
- Employment/Jobs

News from the City: A reminder was given about parking bans during bad weather. Bans are indicated by the blue lights flashing at intersections. News was given on COVID-19 vaccine availability. Use the 311 service to find vaccine centers and for assistance registering.

Fire Department: Warming centers are open 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Use 211 to find current locations. There is a new recruitment class starting early March with room for +/- 20 members.

City Planning Department: Autumn Florek spoke of the approval process for permits in the Historic Districts. She touched on the availability of grants for historic landmarks and buildings.

Community Court Liaison Douglas Ovian explained his job right now is to be able to help make the court process less scary and more equitable to participants. Most of the work is done via Zoom. He sees an improvement in the community life on Asylum Hill.

St. Joseph Cathedral: Paul Connery gave an update on the site work planned for the properties at 116/160 Farmington Avenue and 805 Asylum Avenue. Demolition work has begun on the old cathedral school annex building. It will be replaced with a community center. Landscape work on the west lawn will begin with warmer weather. Work on the project will be ongoing with a proposed ending date of 2022/2023, with the parking lots being the final push.

The Department of Public Works led a discussion of traffic concerns on Asylum Hill. The #1 priority is traffic calming measures and speeding cars (Huntington Street, Townley Street and Asylum Avenue).

Glenn Davis, Community Development Officer at Liberty Bank, spoke on five initiatives for the area:

- Mortgage programs
- Homebuying assistance
- Scattered site development
- Credit builder programs
- Community development lending

He will return to a future meeting to discuss the initiatives further.

If anyone is interested in more info you can contact me.

- Boo Morton

Faith in Action



Message from Five Talents: A Game of Phone Tag

Thursdays, my mom and I play a very short game of phone tag to see who will call first. These weekly calls have been a fun rhythm we started seven years ago after my grandmother passed. My mom told me then that her weekly calls with my grandma were something she always looked forward to. And so we have carried on this habit, which has also given me a newfound appreciation for my mom and the strong woman she is.

Women make up 80% of Five Talents ministry! Recently, we've been reflecting on the inspiring women from our program in Bolivia. Meet Dina and Daysi, two sisters who helped their mother sell clothes in their hometown of Tarija, Bolivia, to make ends meet. But when their mom became sick, Dina and Daysi needed to find a way to cover household expenses and mounting medical costs, all while attending school! That's where their mom's Five Talents Savings Group came in, giving the siblings access to business training and loans that helped expand their mother's clothing business. Over time, they were able to grow the business and earned enough savings to buy a piece of land, and they attribute their success to a special woman:

"We just did what our mother taught us, to save in her group and to sell... Now our mom is not worried about the money and we learned to save."

We hope this encourages you as you think of an amazing woman in your own life.

– Sarah Herndon
Development Associate
Five Talents USA

Five Talents is a micro-finance organization that helps the world's most vulnerable families escape poverty. For more information, visit fivetalents.org, or speak to Everett Post.

Stop & Shop Flower Sales Benefit Loaves & Fishes

The Stop & Shop located at New Park Avenue in Hartford is helping Loaves & Fishes by designating L&F as the beneficiary of their Bloomin' 4 Good campaign during the month of March!

Each time a shopper purchases the \$9.99 Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker at the New Park Avenue Stop & Shop during March, Loaves & Fishes will receive a \$1 donation. Every bouquet sold helps Loaves and Fishes provide meals to people in need.

Minyeko Family Update

We are delighted to report that all of the Minyeko family members who need to learn English are involved with an online ESOL teacher! Furthermore, they are beginning to get the medical and dental care they have not previously had. Lambert, a high school senior, is awaiting word on the colleges to which he has been offered admission. Tantine is finishing her first year at Capital Community College, in the nursing program.

The family wants us to convey their gratitude to all the church members who have so generously provided clothes, books, appliances, and other assistance over the past several months.

As summer approaches, the Refugee Resettlement Committee is looking for opportunities for the children of all three of our families for recreation and summer learning. We hope to have good things to report soon!

Anne Rapkin
for the Refugee Resettlement
Committee

Legislature To Consider Health Care Expansion

The Connecticut State Legislature will consider SB 842 during this legislative session. If enacted, this bill will expand access to health insurance in Connecticut by offering a "public option" health insurance plan. This would allow many people with limited income and no health insurance to purchase insurance. Let your state senator know if you support this bill.

Cystic Fibrosis Walk Set for May 15

It's time again for the annual Cystic Fibrosis walk! Our granddaughter, Sarah, was born with Cystic Fibrosis; she is now 11 years old and doing well. She and her family are currently sheltering and learning at home in Illinois, as Sarah is a high risk person.

Team Strolling for Sarah does an annual walk (about three miles or one hour) to support the Great Strides program, which raises research dollars for this genetic lung disease. The exciting news is a new drug, Trikafta, which Sarah will be able to take when she is 12 this summer! It will treat some of the causes for her illness and not just the symptoms. Research is important!

This year, the walk will be at Northwest Park in Windsor. Team Strolling for Sarah will gather at 10 a.m. on May 15 for folks who have been vaccinated. Or you can walk wherever you would like! Please observe the rules for social distancing.

If you cannot join the walk, we hope you will support us at our website or mail us at: 106 Vista Way Bloomfield, CT 06002. We will miss doing our bake and plant sale at church this year! Visit our website: <http://fightcf.cff.org/goto/KateSmith> for more information.

Any questions? Kate's email is: Kate48smith@comcast.net or call 860-519-1591.

Thanks so much,
Kate and Drew Smith

Work Continues on Capital Campaign Projects

The Capital Campaign, supported by the generosity of our parishioners, has greatly impacted the condition of Trinity's campus.

Recently, a large project to repair the roof and gutters of the entire complex has begun. The work is being carried out by Cenaxo, the company Trinity has employed to reinforce, rebuild, and improve the gutters, downspouts, roofing, and masonry repointing of the campus. Cenaxo has identified key areas of water damage. The scaffolding around the building is evidence of the gutter and downspout work to protect Trinity from future water and ice damage. The brownstone front steps of the church have been caulked at all the joints, which in the past were open in most areas, allowing water to get between them and enter the undercroft. Flexible pipes have been inserted in the Memorial Garden to funnel water away from the building; this area has been the source of the largest leak in the undercroft. Cenaxo also is working on the west side of the roof, a primary source of water damage in Goodwin Hall, the fourth grade classroom above the library, and the turret on the east side of the building. The repointing of bricks will occur later this spring, as that work requires stable and warmer weather. All these changes will prevent future damage and will be a major investment in the life of

the buildings, and they must be completed before we can begin work on the interior.

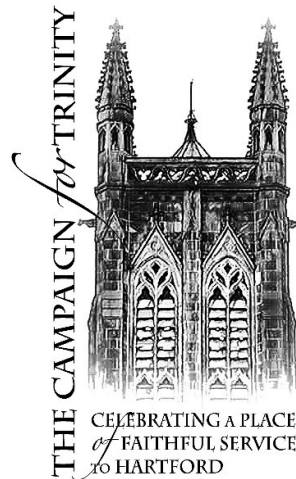
While projects are being completed for our historic building, we are discovering yet more vital unseen work that needs to be done. One instance: Cenaxo found that the brownstone steps in the front of the church were supported by a temporary pipe jacking system, implemented as a temporary fix in the

past, but now in need of a permanent solution. Problems like this are why the Capital Campaign is so important for the future of Trinity Church, so our buildings will continue to serve the Hartford community.

During this pandemic, when most of our worship is on-line, many of the changes Trinity is undergoing can often seem so distant. The Capital Campaign Executive Committee thanks our parishioners for their continuing support of the preservation of this historic church. Neither these improvements, nor any of the other projects accomplished by the campaign, could be possible without such generosity! If you have any questions, or wish to support the Capital Campaign, please contact me at preid@trinityhartford.org.

Thank you!

– Patrick Reid
Capital Campaign Administrator



Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates for



elected parish offices to be voted on at the 2021

Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for Trinity Sunday, June 6. Positions to be filled include the parish officers (two Wardens, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Clerk) for one-year terms, three at-large Vestry members to serve three-year terms, and an alternate delegate to the Episcopal Church in Connecticut annual convention to fill the final two years of a three-year term. Martha Freimuth and Tom Oberholtzer will both be retiring as Wardens this year; all other officers may be nominated for re-election.

If you have suggestions for nominees, please send their names to the Rector at dlittlepage@trinityhartford.org, and she will forward them to the committee. The slate the Nominating Committee compiles will be presented to the Vestry for approval; it will then be published and there will be opportunity for nominations by petition.

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2021 are:

Georges Annan-Kingsley
Kevin Chick
Ruth Rose
Jannel Thomas
Kathie Wilson
Steve Zhitnik

News from the Trinity Community for Racial Justice

During the months of February and March the Trinity Community for Racial Justice focused on the topic of “Racial Disparities in Healthcare.” Martha Freimuth and Suzanne Blancaflor researched statistics about these disparities and presented them during our recent Adult Forum. We listened as members of the congregation shared their own experiences with unequal treatment in healthcare.

At the same time, the Hartford YWCA issued a “Call to Action” to declare racism as a public health crisis. If you would like to join this advocacy effort, information on how to contact your elected officials can be found by using this link and action toolkit: www.ywcahartford.org/advocacy/create-a-community-without-racism.html.

Please look for our next focus topic in the weeks following Easter. Our webpage includes important resources to learn more at www.trinityhartford.org/community/racial-justice/.

We are also learning what will be needed to understand our own history of racism, as required by ECCT Resolution 7, “Acknowledging & Confronting Systemic Racism, White Supremacy, & Anti-Black Bias.” This Resolution requires each Episcopal parish in the state of Connecticut “to discover and document historic complicity in racism in their parish and communities.” The ECCT Racial Healing Justice and Reconciliation Ministry Network

presented a case study and guidance from the diocesan archivist to help parishes in this effort. Trinity’s own archivist, Liz Kirkpatrick, has also provided us with an overview of what the work to complete such a study might look like.

If you are interested in joining this work, we welcome you to join our group, which meets on the first Monday of each month via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Please contact any member of our team for more information about joining us.

Trinity Community
for Racial Justice

Rev. D. Littlepage
Martha Freimuth
Heather Kramer
Kitty Peterson
Cathy Rowe
Suzanne Blancaflor
Emily Estes

Erica Weinstock To Chair Garden Committee

With the blessing of the Vestry, Erica Weinstock has agreed to chair the newly formed Memorial Garden Committee to shepherd the care and maintenance of the



Memorial Garden and the Sigourney Street gardens adjacent to the main entrance to the Nave. Anyone interested in supporting this worthy endeavor should contact Erica (ericajw@mac.com)

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE SMITHS

We share with you, our companions in Trinity Church, our great thanks “for all your goodness and loving kindness” to us, which you have given in so many ways, since Kate suffered a stroke on December 31, 2020.



We are grateful and blessed to be members of this parish community. As you surrounded us with your concern, prayers, cards, offers of help, and a regular schedule of evening meals for almost two months (the Casserole Ministry), you helped us in immeasurable ways in the adjustments we have had to make.

From lack of consciousness that first morning, Kate recovered very quickly while hospitalized. The one continuing effect of the stroke is the inability of her eyes to work correctly and together. She has been in the care of a number of specialists, and continues to be monitored. Her sports activities are of course limited, and she cannot yet drive or read easily. Her spirit and determination have been super.

Again, thank you to you, the community of Trinity, and to our bishops, who have watched over and cared for us so closely. You are a true blessing!

Kate and Drew Smith

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Friday, May 15, at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover events scheduled to take place in June, July and August. Email your articles to voice@trinityhartford.org; please use this address (only) so your article doesn't go astray. It's also helpful if you include the topic of your article in the subject line. Thanks!

Having Trouble Scheduling Your COVID Vaccination?

If you or a loved one is having difficulty scheduling an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination, please contact the Rector at dlittlepage@trinityhartford.org, or call her cell phone at 860-986-3289. She will be able to get you in touch with someone who can help.

Remember that vaccinations are now available to anyone in Connecticut 45 or older, and should be available to all those 16 and older beginning April 5, depending on vaccine supplies..

Women Invited To Discuss Kendi Book on Anti-Racism

The Companions of the Holy Cross invite the women of the parish to an open meeting to discuss Ibram X. Kendi's book *How To Be an Anti-Racist*. The meeting will take place on Saturday, April 19, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Kate Smith has further details; please contact her at kate48smith@comcast.net if you are interested in attending.



“Because God works from home. That's why we never see God in person.”



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