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## Summer 2021

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;  
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.*

*Ecclesiastes 3: 1-5*



Kristen and I decided back in the winter that we did not want to have the worst yard on the block. So, as spring began to roll in we looked up information about the best time to plant grass and, once it seemed like we were past the last frost, prepped the ground and spread the seed.

Now that things are growing out, I've noticed that there are some spots that either we missed or that just didn't grow in. I thought about doing another round of seeding but, according to several websites that I consulted, it's much less likely that grass planted this time of year would actually grow well. This is not the ideal season for planting.

While it's relatively easy to figure out the ideal season for things based on the rhythms of the earth, there is no Farmer's Almanac or web search to help us effectively decipher the seasons of the spirit. To make things even more complicated, each of us may be in different seasons at the same time. As this summer unfolds I encourage you to spend some time noticing the seasonal markers of your spirit. Are you in a season of planting or harvesting? Are you in a season of weeping, dancing, laughing, mourning, or some mashup of many different things? What things are signs for you that you are not honoring the season which you are in?

What about our life together at Trinity? What does this summer season have for us? When I think about the coming months, it feels like a season of "re": re-gathering the community in person, re-connecting relationships, re-focusing on God's mission among us, and re-evaluating how we live into that mission. While each of those areas is broad and will be a part of our lives beyond this summer season, as we enter this season there are some specific starting points for us to engage. As we expand in-person worship, there is a need for people to support worship as Ushers, Altar Guild, Readers, and Intercessors. As we reconnect relationships, we can start with being intentional about ensuring that there is not a chasm between those who return to in-person worship and those who don't. As we

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## **Choir School Celebrates End of Unusual Year with Outdoor Concert**

Join the members of the Choir School of Hartford as they mark the end of a very unusual program year with an outdoor concert!

This event will take place in the parking lot of Emanuel Lutheran Church, 311 Capitol Avenue in Hartford, beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 30. Works will include favorites from the Anglican repertoire, as well as selections from Caribbean, South African, Spiritual, and American Folk traditions. Guest singers from the Emanuel Lutheran Church community will join in for several of these numbers, and our graduating choristers will be formally recognized.

Masks are required for all those attending the concert, and the social distancing markers on the surface of the parking lot should be observed. A limited number of chairs will be available, but if you would like to be seated while enjoying the afternoon's program, please bring along your own chair if you are able to do so.

There is no admission charge for this event, and no reservations are required. Parking is available for free at the lot on the southwest corner of Capitol Avenue and Oak Street, one block away from the performance location.

Come celebrate our choristers and applaud their dedication during an extraordinary year when they triumphed over the strictures imposed by the pandemic to provide another year of beautiful music for Trinity's services.

## **We're Back: 10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship Returns!!**

At long last, in-person worship at our Sunday 10:00 a.m. services will return on June 6. To protect the health of all in our



community, those attending in person must still wear masks for the entire service. In order to create an atmosphere of welcome regardless of vaccination status and/or comfort with hugs, Rev. D. is asking everyone to do their part in maintaining social distance when we gather, and have no physical contact with anyone from a different household. (Practice your socially-distanced air hugs!)

Communion in one kind will be available at the 10:00 a.m. service (as well as the 8:00) as of June 6. Communion in the parking lot after the 10:00 a.m. service will be discontinued as of June 6; anyone who would like Rev. D. to bring Communion to them should contact her. Please note that our 10:00 a.m. services will continue to be streamed live on YouTube, with access to the service bulletin at our website, [trinityhartford.org](http://trinityhartford.org). We want to make sure that folks who are not yet comfortable with in-person worship and those who can't come in person will still be able to be a part of our worshipping community.

For those attending the outdoor 8:00 a.m. Sunday services: With pandemic restrictions easing, those attending this service may remove their masks when seated.

## **A/V Crew Needs You!**

Can you get your TV to turn on using the remote control? Then there's a place for you on our Audio-Visual Guild! You don't need to be an A/V wizard to join the team that makes Trinity's on-line presence a reality every Sunday. Although the pandemic seems to be easing, our live YouTube services will continue each week, and we need volunteers to expand the A/V crew that has served so loyally since the early days of COVID.

If you want to know more, would like to volunteer, or want to see what's involved by watching the A/V Guild in action on a Sunday morning, please contact Casey Rousseau at [casey@the-bat.net](mailto:casey@the-bat.net) or Jake Troiano at [jacob.troiano@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.troiano@gmail.com).

## **Book Group To Discuss Kingsolver Novel**

Trinity's Book Group was ready for an uplifting story, so its next selection is *The Bean Trees*, by Barbara Kingsolver. This is "the charming, engrossing tale of rural Kentucky native Taylor Greer, who only wants to get away from her roots and avoid getting pregnant. She succeeds, but inherits a 3-year-old native-American little girl named Turtle along the way, and together, from Oklahoma to Tucson, Arizona, half-Cherokee Taylor and her charge search for a new life in the West." All are welcome to join this Zoom meeting, slated for Friday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m. To receive the Zoom link, please contact Linda MacGougan. ([macgougans@gmail.com](mailto:macgougans@gmail.com)).

## ***In-Person/Zoom Annual Meeting June 6***

The Annual Meeting of the Parish of Trinity Church will take place



on June 6, both in-person AND

via Zoom, immediately following that day's 10:00 a.m. worship service, which will itself take place in-person and via YouTube. Voting will take place both on-line and in person. The business to be transacted will include the election of Vestry officers, at-large Vestry members, an alternate delegate to Convention, and a 2021-2022 Nominating Committee. Members in good standing 16 years of age or older may vote.

Find out where we stand as a parish following the past year of being apart; come in person, attend via Zoom – but plan to be at the annual meeting, one way or the other!

## ***It's Been a Long, Long Time: Choirs To Sing Once Again For In-Person Service***

Choir members and friends are reuniting to sing in our first in-person 10:00 a.m. worship service since last year! Michelle Horsley, Trinity's Director of Music Ministries, is inviting all singers to join in rehearsals during the first week of June and then participate in this joyous choral reunion.

Although summers are typically off-season for our choirs, Michelle is also planning to create a few choral opportunities for those who are interested in singing during the summer months. There are also opportunities for cantors to help lead service music as well.

If you're interested in any of these opportunities for in-person singing for our summer services, please email Michelle at [mhorsley@trinityhartford.org](mailto:mhorsley@trinityhartford.org) for more information.

## ***Youth Sunday Set for June 13***

On Sunday, June 13, Trinity will follow a time-honored tradition of celebrating the children and young adults of our congregation.



As usual, our graduating high school seniors will be invited to address the congregation during the sermon time. We congratulate this year's seniors:

**Jane Mogor** will graduate this June from South Windsor High School. Jane, the daughter of Ifeoma and Clement Mogor, is a life-long member of Trinity Church and a long-time member of The Choir of Hartford, where she is currently Head Chorister. This fall, she will be attending Northeastern University, where she plans to study nursing.

**Margaret Rousseau**, daughter of Kate and Casey Rousseau, is another lifelong member of Trinity Church as well as a long-time member and now Prefect of the Choir School. She will be graduating from Hall High in West Hartford next month, and plans to attend Eastern Connecticut State University in the fall.

Following the 10:00 a.m. service, there will be refreshments in the Memorial Garden, giving members of the congregation the opportunity to share remarks and offer well wishes to our 2021 graduates, and a chance for the graduates to express their gratitude to the congregation.

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refocus on God's mission and re-evaluate how we engage that mission, those who lead and plan our ministries need your input! Over the summer there will be several opportunities for you to share your hopes and ideas for Adult Christian Formation and there will be opportunities for families to share how the Children and Youth Ministries can best support them.

My hope is that as we move into this season, you each may honor the season of your spirit, and that as the Trinity Community we may support each other in engaging whatever lies ahead of us.

The Reverend D. Littlepage  
Rector

## **Who Are the Companions of the Holy Cross?**

Are you curious about the Companions of the Holy Cross? You may have heard about them, but were afraid to ask or thought “not another group!”

I’ve been a Companion for 20 years and it is a wonderful group of women. Sigh. Yes. It is a group of women. The group was founded in 1884 and they wanted to be a group for women.

What’s exciting now, is that we have a new website:  
[www.schccompanions.org](http://www.schccompanions.org).  
Check it out!

Over 600 women get together, monthly, in separate chapters to talk, learn and worship. We’ve met virtually during COVID. We

are Episcopalians, but are reaching out to all who are interested.

We have a summer conference center (Adelynrood) which sponsors conferences of all sorts; most are co-ed!

Companions are basically an intercessory prayer group, with an emphasis on social justice. We come in all shapes and sizes and have many different world views.

So – if you have questions , contact me at [kate48smith@comcast.net](mailto:kate48smith@comcast.net). I’d be happy to hear from you.

– Kate Smith,  
Hartford Chapter

## **On the Horizon: Trinity Looks to Celebrate**

The Capital Campaign has completed many projects that ensure the vitality of Trinity Church’s campus, enhancing the quality of the lives of all who worship, learn, and use the buildings to serve our community.

The Campaign has reached 87% of its final goal of \$750,000.00. The Campaign was constructed to be a three-year venture to preserve the buildings of Trinity’s campus for many future years of ministry and service. Based on its starting date, the time for the campaign to close will be this October, when we will be able to celebrate all the work that has been done to this historic church. While the end is in sight, securing the remaining funds will aid the parish in finalizing some important projects. If you have not had the opportunity to contribute, or would like to make an additional contribution, please consider making a gift to help us reach our goal. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift to the Campaign, please reach out to Patrick Reid at [Preid@trinityhartford.org](mailto:Preid@trinityhartford.org). All contributions make a direct impact on the restoration and improvement of this campus.

The Capital Campaign would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all who have supported this mission and have generously donated, and to all who have completed and are striving to finish up your pledges in the near future. This work would not have been possible without support from this community!

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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

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(10:00 a.m. service via YouTube;  
also in-person as of 6/6)

*Links to YouTube services at [trinityhartford.org](http://trinityhartford.org)*

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

### **Assisting Clergy:**

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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## Notes from the April and May Vestry Meetings

The April meeting of the Vestry opened with a recording of the anthem “Christ Has No Body But Yours,” which is often sung by the Trinity Choir and the Choir School of Hartford. Members of Vestry then reflected on the guilty verdict in the Derek Chauvin case, which had been rendered earlier that afternoon.

In her report, Rev. D. reviewed the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter observances at Trinity Church. She thanked especially our Director of Music Ministries, Michelle Horsley, for her extraordinary efforts, and our “Virtual Vergers,” Casey Rousseau and Jacob Troiano, for providing YouTube worship opportunities. She also expressed satisfaction with the Lenten study offerings on the topic of Personal Prayer and the Book of Common Prayer. She informed Vestry of upcoming musical events, including a chance for choir members and others to sing together in the Memorial Garden on May 1, a concert by the Choir School on May 30 in the parking lot of Emanuel Lutheran Church, and a performance of a *Missa Brevis* by Zoltán Kodály by musicians from Trinity Church, St. John’s Church in West Hartford, and Emanuel Lutheran Church, which will be available on YouTube in May.

Rev. D. announced that Marsha McCurdy Adell has been chosen to serve on the ECCT Bishop Transition Committee.

Much of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of returning to in-

person worship inside the church. Rev. D. has a target date of June 6 in mind. This is the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, and is the date of our Annual Meeting this year. All CDC recommendations will be followed, including maintaining social distance between families and wearing of masks at all times, including during singing. Communion will continue to be offered in one kind only.

Vestry agreed that 12-step groups may be invited to hold meetings in the Memorial Garden if they so choose. Huntington Hall is not available until a new Certificate of Occupancy is obtained from the City of Hartford, following the remedial work done after the February broken pipe damage.

The May Vestry meeting began with a recording of Shaun Davey and Rita Connely performing a hymn celebrating God’s loving presence in all creation. The Vestry then ratified decisions previously made by the executive committee to use proceeds from the Doc Lane Fund to pay for two weeks of summer camp for four children in one of our refugee families, and to use Capital Campaign funds to begin work on a new fire alarm system.

In her Rector’s report, Rev. D. thanked Michelle Horsley for her work on the small gathering of singers on May 1 in the Memorial Garden. We are still on target to hold our first indoor in-person service on June 6, which is also the date of our Annual Meeting. The service will also be streamed on YouTube for those who are not

yet ready to return in person, and the meeting will be available on Zoom as well as in-person.

Rev. D. reported that at the invitation of the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA), she and several members of Vestry attended a rally at the state capital in support of the “Clean Slate” bill. Trinity’s involvement in GHIAA will continue to increase as more opportunities for education and training arise.

Bishop Laura Ahrens will be at Trinity on Saturday, October 2, to officiate at Rev. D.’s installation as Trinity’s 13<sup>th</sup> Rector. Final plans for the service and celebration will be made over the summer.

Patrick Reid, who has served as administrator for The Campaign for Trinity for the past year and a half, has accepted a full-time position with another faith-based effort and will be tapering his involvement at Trinity over the next few months. We are grateful for all that he has brought to the campaign, and especially for his faithfulness during the pandemic.

Vestry discussed the position of Facilities Manager (Vinnie Pacileo’s position), which has been a ¾ time job for the past two years. It is clear, however, that there is no way for one person working 30 hours per week to take care of our large campus and old buildings adequately. The Vestry therefore approved increasing the position to a

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## Spring News from Trinity Academy

We were so happy to welcome our students back to our school's campus on March 1! Our students were so happy to be back together. They went right back to interacting and playing together . . . They also came back a lot taller!



April 28 was Nurse Carole's birthday. She was showered with hand-made cards from all our students. Our third and fourth grade students even showed up to sing "Happy Birthday" to her!

Things around Trinity appear to be back to "normal" except for our necessary COVID-19 accommodations . . . Our students are eating a lot of healthy food at school – we place at least two grocery orders a week!

Our classrooms are filled with happy, smiling faces, and our students are enjoying some new and colorful rugs and bean bag chairs.

Your support and our talented teachers and staff equal amazing results for Trinity Academy's students! Despite the challenges of virtual learning, our students have grown academically this school year. Your generosity has made these results possible. Here are Trinity Academy's standardized NWEA MAP testing results as of early March 2021. Remember, at that point there were still four more months to go until the end of the school year. We could not be happier with these results:

- All our fourth grade students are at fourth grade level or above in each subject tested (reading, math, language) as of March 2021. Our school's goal is to have all of our students at least at grade level by mid-fourth grade.
- Three of our fourth graders are reading beyond 8<sup>th</sup> grade level, and two are at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level in math. We cannot imagine what they will be able to do in the future!
- 85% of our third graders are at grade level or higher in each subject as of March 2021. This was achieved despite virtual learning in the first half of the school year. Our third grade has 11 students; one student is new to the United States and cannot be tested in English at this time in order to be given a fair assessment.

– Donna Colliton  
Executive Director of  
Administration and Development  
for Trinity Academy



The buildings and office will be closed July 5 in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

## Heads Up! Hartford Plans 2021 Hybrid Summer Camp

Heads Up! Hartford has announced that it will hold a hybrid version of camp this year from June 21-27. Campers are welcome to participate in both in-person and virtual programming, or select only virtual programs to attend.

Camper registration information can be found by going to [headsupthartford.org](https://headsupthartford.org) and clicking on the "2021 Camp" tab. The deadline to register is June 1.

HUH is a faith-based camp uniting urban and suburban youth to improve our communities and develop as leaders. Youth who have completed 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to attend. Trinity's young people have participated in HUH for many years and found it to be worthwhile and fun! For more information, contact Trinity's HUH liaison, Linda MacGougan, at [macgougans@gmail.com](mailto:macgougans@gmail.com) or 860-561-1588.

### Voice deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Sunday, August 15. Please send all materials for the August issue, which will cover all events and activities in September, to [voice@trinityhartford.org](mailto:voice@trinityhartford.org) by 5:00 p.m. on that date. If you need to deliver your article to the parish office in paper form, turn it in by 3:00 p.m. on August 12, when the office closes for the weekend. Please have all materials for the August issue in on time so events at the start of our next program year can be properly publicized.

# Summer Birthdays



If you have a summer 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.

Jo-Ann Sadosky	June 1	Corlet Ude	June 29	Josepha Schrijn	August 2
Mavis Bennett	June 1	Nigel Francis	June 30	Frank Kirkpatrick	August 4
Walton Foster	June 1	Bella Esponda	June 30	Stephanie Thomas	August 4
Abby Rajendram	June 2	Aaron Dilone	July 2	Ismael Rubio	August 4
Kristen Williams-Garcia	June 3	Cecelia Timothy	July 5	Kodi-Jane Mogor	August 7
Adair Lummis	June 4	Jean Peelle	July 8	Don Hamer	August 9
David Pontrelli	June 4	Leslyn Clark	July 10	Peter Vreeland	August 10
Mark MacGougan	June 5	Peter Green	July 10	Sasha Esponda	August 11
Joy Bennett	June 5	Bill Kofalk	July 10	Christina Gellman	August 12
Richard McMenemy	June 5	Kendall Okeke	July 10	D. Littlepage	August 12
Trocari Griffith-McCalop	June 6	Kimberly Okeke	July 10	Amy Arlin	August 13
Riley Sutton	June 6	John Robinson	July 12	Suzanne Gates	August 14
Bonnie Matthews	June 8	Carolyn Rogers	July 14	Loretta Eckhardt	August 16
Tom Oberholtzer	June 10	Fiona Cheyney	July 15	Joseph Annan-Kingsley	
Gavin Cheyney	June 10	Maung Oo	July 15		August 16
Robin Foster	June 10	Celine Stephens	July 15	Fred Margeson	August 16
Sam Clark	June 10	Trudi Campbell	July 16	Hunter Troiano	August 17
Madison Ross	June 10	David Barrett	July 17	Pamela Garcia	August 18
Suzanne Blancaflor	June 11	Kate Smith	July 17	Cathy Rowe	August 18
Marion Catanzaro	June 13	Olive Tronchin	July 17	Agatha Okeke	August 18
Kate Steven	June 14	Susan Eaccarino	July 18	Bert Landman	August 19
Sophiya Esponda	June 16	Helen Hart	July 19	Penny Pearson	August 19
Bruce Whitcomb	June 17	Ellen Richardson	July 19	Davonté Griffith	August 20
Jacqui Lucier	June 17	Mima Esponda	July 19	Julian Rose	August 21
Meg Foster	June 17	Jonathan Reik	July 20	Karl Profe	August 21
Tro Moo	June 18	Allison Merrill	July 22	Kevin Chick	August 22
Marc Wiest	June 19	Donald Romanik	July 22	Beverly Bygrave	August 23
Franklin Ude	June 20	Benneth Ude	July 22	Eugenia Weaver	August 24
Basil Bennett	June 21	Merle Melhado	July 23	Susanne Mantel	August 24
Jack Merrill	June 21	Philip Green	July 23	Carol Derick	August 24
Leroy Bohlen	June 23	Marianna Drunnamano	July 23	Michael Thomas	August 26
Karl Pearson	June 23	Lair Besel	July 24	Amy Williams	August 26
Alexia Williams-Garcia	June 23	Pollyann Thomas	July 25	Kevin Rennie	August 28
Boo Morton	June 24	Sue Hart	July 25	Malik Thomas	August 30
Levi Bohlen	June 26	Krista Mogor	July 26	Carmen Belgrave	August 30
Justin Ude	June 28	Ray Wilson	July 28	Edgar Garcia	August 30
Phil Reynolds	June 28	Marthe Annan-Kingsley	July 30	Freya Watt	August 30
Margery Samuels	June 29	David Carson	August 2	James White	August 31

# Faith in Action at Trinity Church



## **Ahli Hospital in Urgent Need of Our Help**

*I've lived through three wars in Gaza and I've seen nothing like this. The destruction is everywhere. I can't describe the horror and fear we feel. For the first time I am depressed and terrified. The innocent in Gaza and Israel are dying. Men, women and children who have done nothing wrong.*

*– Suhaila Tarazi, Director of Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City*

The current hostilities between Jews and Arabs in Palestine and Israel have stretched the healthcare system in Gaza, which was already overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, to the breaking point. The situation at Ahli Arab Hospital, the beneficiary of several fundraising efforts at Trinity Church in recent years, has become desperately critical as the conflict has escalated.

The hospital has been able to remain open, and, as of mid-May, had not yet sustained serious damage. There is no electricity in Gaza, forcing the hospital to run its generators full-time, and a new surgery ward has had to be opened to treat those wounded in the bombings, which have taken place in civilian areas, wounding and killing adults and children.

Medical supplies, medicines, and fuel for the generators at Ahli are all in very short supply. Hospital staff are working around the clock to cope with caring for the injured along with the many people seriously ill with COVID-19 whom they are also treating. They need our support to help provide the funds needed to purchase the supplies they must have to keep treating the sick and injured. Despite the current cease-fire, the situation at the hospital is, and will remain, dire.

You can help our friends at Ahli Hospital by making a donation to the hospital through the American Friends of the Diocese of Jerusalem. Every dollar you give goes directly and immediately to the hospital. To donate online, go to the AFEDJ website at [afedj.org](http://afedj.org), then click on “Donate” in the upper righthand corner of the home page to be taken to the page where you can make your donation. Be sure to choose Ahli Arab Hospital from the “Please direct my support” drop-down field. AFEDJ is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; your gift is secure, and tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## **Reconnecting with Covenant to Care**

In 2006 Trinity became part of the Adopt A Social Worker program of Covenant to Care for Children in Hartford, joining other community and faith-based organizations to partner with social workers in providing special items for children in need. Many of you will remember contributing back-to-school backpacks filled with school supplies in August, our annual Giving Tree to provide Christmas gifts in December, emergency foster placement packs in May, and most recently our collections of children’s sneakers during Lent.

Unfortunately, over the years, Trinity’s relationship with Covenant to Care broke down. But the good news is that we are reconnecting with this program and are looking to once again partner with a local social worker to help meet needs of children in this social worker’s caseload. Rev. D. has reached out to learn more about how Trinity can help in this important role.

Watch the weekly e-Voice and Sunday bulletins for more news as we move forward and renew our long-time Covenant to Care partnership!

– Penny Pearson  
for the Outreach Ministries



## Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association - Spring 2021

The new Mission Statement for AHNA includes references to the native tribes associated with the area now known as Asylum Hill. The new mission statement is as follows:

AHNA Mission: The Asylum Neighborhood Association (AHNA) empowers and connects residents and stakeholders to improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill. AHNA acknowledges that Asylum Hill is on the traditional lands of the Poqonook, Sicoag, Tunxis and Wangunk tribes.

**David MacDonald**, executive Director of AHNA, has returned to full-time work following his stroke and subsequent rehabilitation, allowing him to focus on the fund drive, development of the Board, and possibly getting back to in-person meetings and getting the task forces up and running.

**Police** – There is an increase in drivers running both stop signs and red lights. Special attention is being paid to the intersection of Niles and Woodland Streets. Panhandling is also an area of concern. There is an effort to discourage panhandling at the entrances and exits of the highway.

**Fire Department** – Lt. Lopez asked that both homeowners and renters check their smoke detectors. The detectors are an easy way to discover smoke, or fire, before it gets out of control.

**Vaccine distribution** remains a main concern of the city. Appointments are still being made. Call 211 for more information. Transportation can also be provided.

**A new Scooters for Rent program** has started. It currently is available in the downtown area but it will expand this month. Speed bumps are going to be installed on three Asylum Hill streets this summer.

**Hartford Planning Development** – Approval of plans for the work being done at St. Joseph's Cathedral has been obtained. A parking survey is being conducted for the entire city; this will help with the development of future plans for parking in Hartford.

**Community Court Update** – Court is not fully re-opened yet. When it does re-open, the emphasis will be on backlogged cases from 2020. Research is being done nationwide into how to deal with low level offenders (panhandlers, quality of life issues like noise abatement).

**Hartford Decides** – \$40,000 is available this year for projects to be developed by residents and then presented for a vote by all residents 13 and older. Projects already submitted for Asylum Hill are: Sigourney Park monument, mini farm, Turning Point Park, community kitchen, dog waste and bike composting (collecting compost and food waste by bike to bring to a central location).

**Hartford Coalition for Safe Technology** v There is a plan to install 314 cell towers in the Hartford area to accommodate 5G technology, but there are concerns over how these installations might affect the health of the residents. The coalition is hoping to work with AHNA's Green Committee to speak to these concerns. The Green Committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

**Stowe Center** – A \$2 million plan to increase ADA accessibility, make repairs and create an outdoor classroom at the Center has received \$385,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. A letter of support from AHNA for the Center's application for additional funding from the state was approved.

**Neighborhood news** – The Comet building (old Aetna Diner) has been approved as an historic property and plans for restoration have been approved.

**Garbage to Gold** – This is an event planned for 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, at the Niles Street Garden. There will be food and drink and information available on composting.

As always, the AHNA meetings are open to all. The sessions occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m. via Zoom. Anyone interested can contact me for the Zoom info.

– Boo Morton

## How Does Our Garden Grow? With the Help of Our Wonderful Volunteers!

Our Memorial Garden volunteers are committed to making the gardens and Trinity beautiful and welcoming to all. Our primary responsibility is the upkeep of the gardens on the north side of the church. In addition, we tend the gardens along the front on Sigourney Street. Tending the gardens includes a variety of activities depending on the growing season: raking leaves, pulling weeds, pruning bushes, mulching, applying eco-friendly weed killer to the labyrinth and paths, and watering gardens as needed. A delightful treat is the time we spend visiting and sharing stories, especially as we curb the spreading monkey grass!

Currently there are eight volunteers: George Chien, Enid Oberholtzer, Karin Peterson, Kate Smith, Peter Green, Linda MacGougan, Heather Kramer and Erica Weinstock. We meet in the gardens each Thursday from 9:30 to noon, weather permitting.

Valerie Pogue also does a wonderful job planting and taking care of the flowers on the south side near the parking lot.

We welcome anyone and all to come and join us as a Thursday regular or an occasional contributor. Please contact me at [ericajw@mac.com](mailto:ericajw@mac.com) if you would like to join us or are interested in more information.

Thanks to all our volunteers!

– Erica Weinstock, Chair  
Memorial Garden Committee

## ***NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!!!!!!***

### **A Salute to Our Recent College Graduates:**

**Suliman Foster**, son of Benjamin and Walton Brown Foster, has graduated from Hampton University in Virginia with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. He is planning to attend graduate school to study Public Policy.

**Kendall Okeke**, son of Agatha Okeke and the late Kenneth Okeke, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Connecticut in early May; he also completed minors in Africana, Studies, Public Policy, and Molecular and Cell Biology. Next year, he will begin work on a Master's Degree in Public Health at Johns Hopkins University.

**Kimberly Okeke**, Kendall's twin sister, recently received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Africana Studies from the University of Connecticut. She will be back at UConn next year to begin work on a Master of Public Administration degree.

**Zechariah Stephens**, son of Jennifer Stephens, graduated from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania on May 23 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He is looking to start work in the Philadelphia area doing research in his field.

**Justin Ude**, son of Benneth and Corlet Ude, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Allied Health, with a minor in Psychological Services, from the UConn College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources earlier this month. Next year, he will continue his studies at UConn in the university's Accelerated Nursing Program as he works towards a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

**Jonathan Ude**, Justin's younger brother, will earn his Associate's Degree with a major in Film from Manchester Community College this year. He will transfer to Central Connecticut State University in the fall to study Communications.

**Shakeem Williams**, son of Deborah Williams, received a Bachelor of Science degree from UConn in early May.

And – a shout-out to **Michael Okeke**, Kimberly and Kendall's older brother, who in June 2020 earned an Associate in Science degree from Manchester Community College, where he studied Psychology and Theater. Michael is now attending the University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

*Congratulations to Suliman, Kendall, Kimberly, Zechariah, Justin, Jonathan, Shakeem and Michael. If you are a recent graduate (community college, four-year college or graduate school) whose name is not included above, please send your information to [voice@trinityhartford.org](mailto:voice@trinityhartford.org), and we'll put it in the next issue.*

## **Cycle of Prayer for June—August**

### **June 6**

Agatha, Michael, Kimberly,  
Kendall & Kenneth Okeke  
Lawretta, Israel, Kachi,  
Dinaka & Chisom Onoh  
Mary Anne Osborn

### **June 13**

Jack & Penny Pearson  
Jean Peelle  
Marion & Al Pereira

### **June 20**

Karin Peterson  
Kitty Peterson  
Kristina Peterson

### **June 27**

Patricia Pitter  
Valerie Pogue  
David Pontrelli

### **July 4**

Everett & Susan Post  
Elizabeth Preysner  
Karl Profe

### **July 11**

Suresh & Abby Rajendram,  
and Anju Mathew  
Elizabeth Randall  
Mary & Jim Register

### **July 18**

Jon & Jane Reik  
Kevin Rennie  
Cory Reynolds

### **July 25**

Katie & Phil Reynolds  
Alan & Peter Rice, and  
Elena Zhidkova-Rice  
Ellen Richardson

### **August 1**

John Robinson  
Carolyn Rogers  
Don & Margaret Romanik

### **August 8**

Ruth, Winston, Julian &  
Andrew Rose  
Steven, Yasmeen, Savior &  
Madison Ross  
Kate, Casey, Elizabeth &  
Margaret Rousseau

### **August 15**

Cathy Rowe  
Jo-Ann Sadosky  
Margery Samuels

### **August 22**

Ramona Schnitzler  
Josepha Schrijn  
Isaac & Alexandra Scott

### **August 29**

Steve Sirotko  
Frances Sloan  
Kate & Drew Smith

## **Office Access Restrictions Continue for Now**

Anyone who needs to come into the Trinity Church office is still being asked to make an appointment to do so, and to wear a mask at all times while in the building. If you find you need access to the office, contact Barbara Roos at [office@trinityhartford.org](mailto:office@trinityhartford.org), or call her at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, to arrange a time.

Watch the weekly e-Voice and the Sunday bulletin for updates in the coming weeks as we continue to turn the corner on the pandemic and it is at last safe to begin to ease these COVID-era restrictions.

## **Vestry Notes from April and May — Continued from Page 5**

full-time position effective September 1, 2021.

Approval was given for the expenditure, from Memorial Funds, of up to \$13,250 for equipment, installation, and training for improvements to Trinity's sound and audio system. The additional equipment will enable greatly improved audio transmission, allowing the A/V Guild to remotely refine the sound from individual microphones.

The Vestry spent some time reflecting and expressing gratitude for the work of Vestry members and wardens who will be retiring at the June 6 annual meeting. The

meeting closed with a recording of "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether" and a blessing from Rev. D.

## **Save the Date!**

The Reverend Dorothea M. Littlepage will be installed as the 13<sup>th</sup> Rector of Trinity Church, Hartford, on Saturday, October 2.

Bishop Ahrens will preside at this special service. Much more information is to follow – but be sure to mark this date on your calendar now!





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