



VOICE OF TRINITY

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“I need you. You need me. We’re all a part of God’s body.
Stand with me, agree with me. We’re all a part of God’s body.

It is God’s will that every need be supplied.

You are important to me, I need you to survive.

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From “I need you to survive” by Hezekiah Walker

FROM THE



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At one of the churches that I used to serve, the song “I need you to survive” was often played as Communion music on Sundays when we used recorded contemporary gospel music for the service. It was always a powerful experience because as we sang, people would look around and make eye contact with each other as they sang, “I need you. You

need me. We’re all a part of God’s body.” On Sundays when there had recently been some difficulty in the life of the community, there would often be tears flowing as we sang to one another the affirmation that we need each other to survive. Of course, the hope is that we not only need each other to survive difficulty, we need each other to thrive.

As I begin my third year with you all (It’s hard to believe two years have gone by!), I am grateful for the ways that we have supported each other and borne witness that we are each a part of God’s body that needs and supports each other. Have things gone perfectly? Of course not! Are there adjustments that I need to make and adjustments that you need to make? Of course! Nevertheless, I am excited for the ways that my relationships with you all can deepen, your relationships with each other can be strengthened, and Trinity’s relationship with the Community can flourish. I am excited to see more people attending worship in person and more people sharing their gifts of presence, time, talent, and treasure in the varieties of ministries at Trinity. As we start this year, I do so with prayer for each of you, and I ask for each one of you to pray for me. I pray that as we seek to follow God’s voice in this place we will continue to do so with grace and love.

“I pray for you. You pray for me.

I love you. I need you to survive.

I won’t harm you with words from my mouth.

I love you. I need you to survive.

It is God’s will that every need be supplied.

You are important to me. I need you to survive.”

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**Adult Christian Formation –
Plans for 2022-2023**

Our program year for 2022-2023 begins on September 11 with our Homecoming celebration, which will include a tour of our campus and buildings. The ACF team is planning a variety of Sunday forum offerings for the 2022-2023 program year. Our plan is to offer our forums in person following the 10 o'clock Eucharist, with a hybrid option via Zoom. Here is what we've scheduled so far:

Sunday, September 25:

ASK THE RECTOR - an open forum with Rev. D., who will answer your questions about all things; she describes it as "AMA," which stands for "Ask Me Anything!" If there's something you're curious about, this is the time and place to ask!

Sunday, October 9:

The Spiritual value we receive from our beloved pets – an open discussion. People who provide pastoral care report that people talk about feeling God's closeness in the presence of their pets. Join us and share your pet stories. Note that this forum follows the October 8 Blessing of the Animals in the Memorial Garden.

And that's just for openers! Additional Sunday forum topics will include updates on the Campaign for Trinity, an "In Memoriam" observance for those of our community lost in the past few years, an update from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut's Annual Convention, a session on coping with the mental health issues brought up during the pandemic, and many more.

We are also working on opportunities for growth outside the usual Sunday Forum schedule. Be sure to watch the weekly eVoice for reminders and updates to the schedule.

– Martha Freimuth
For the Adult Christian Formation Team

NOW YOU'VE DONE IT!!!!

Maggie Foster received a Master of Arts in Media and Communication from the University of North Carolina's Hussman School of Journalism and Media on May 7. She also received the school's Outstanding Master's Graduate in Media and Communication award. Maggie now plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Media and Communication from Cornell University.

Kimberly Okeke received her Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Connecticut's School of Public Policy in May.



September

Jannel Thomas	1
Michael Igboanugo	2
Marvelous Igboanugo	2
Shakeem Williams	2
Kathie Wilson	5
Tim Watt	8
Neill Derick	12
Lindsey Tengtanga	12
Michael Morel	15
Michael Okeke	16
Anne Green	18
Carla Griffith	18
Amanda Tronchin	21
Roy McAlpine	27
Kitty Peterson	29

If you have a September birthday not listed above, call Barbara Roos in the parish office at 860-527-8133, Ext. 204, and let her know so she can add your special day to our parish records.

LABOR DAY

The church office and buildings will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

Consecration of ECCT's New Bishop Set for October 15

The Reverend Jeffrey William Mello will be ordained and consecrated as the sixteenth Bishop of our diocese on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at the Connecticut Convention Center, located at 100 Columbus Boulevard in Hartford.

Doors will open at 10:00 a.m.; the service begins at 11:00. The chief consecrator will be the Most Reverend Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church.

Registration for this in-person event is forthcoming. There will also be the opportunity to livestream the event via ECCT's YouTube channel. Watch the weekly eVoice for details as they become available, or check the ECCT website at <https://www.episcopalct.org/consecration>.

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of *The Voice* is Friday, September 16, at 5:00 p.m. This issue will cover all events scheduled to take place in **October and November**. Please send your article to voice@trinityhartford.org; be sure to send your information along to this address (only) so that it doesn't go astray. Thanks very much!

News from the Trinity Community for Racial Justice

The current work of TCRJ researching our church history of racial injustice has been summarized in a report provided to the Vestry during their June meeting. The Vestry has proposed that the report be presented to the congregation this fall. An Adult Forum will be held in addition to the presentation so all parishioners have an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

We would like to bring your attention to resources and resolutions made by the Episcopal Church regarding the fight for racial justice. The ECCT website has been revised and the link to the Racial Healing, Justice and Reconciliation Ministry page has also been updated, including links to programs and responsible staff members. You can find that information using this link:

<https://www.episcopalct.org/rhjr-ministry-network/>

The recent 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church established a number of important resolutions regarding equal justice and reparations. We would like to bring your attention to the following resolutions in particular:

- D044 – “Owning a Commitment to Reparations - Creation of a substantial fund from TEC assets, the purpose of which is a sustained, meaningful, tangible response to the historic and ongoing legacy of slavery and displacement of Indigenous peoples of what is now the United States” (the amount and date of this action to be determined by the committee formed)
- A049 – Establishes a Beloved Community Conference
- A050 – Supports placement of historical markers with the Equal Justice Initiative
- A051 – Seeks to improve recruitment and hiring of People of Color within The Episcopal Church
- A053 – Ensures the vital role of the Episcopal HBCUs in building the Beloved Community

You can read the details of the resolutions using the link below. The TCRJ will follow D044 closely to understand how TEC will fulfill this resolution with action.

<https://www.generalconvention.org/resolutions>

The Trinity Community for Racial Justice

Rev. D. Littlepage
Cathy Rowe
Kitty Peterson
Martha Freimuth
Heather Kramer

September Cycle of Prayer

September 4

Agatha, Michael, Kimberly,
Kendall & Kenny Okeke
Lawretta, Israel, Kachi,
Dinaka & Chichi Onoh
Mary Ann Osborn

September 11

Jack & Penny Pearson
Marion & Al Pereira
Karin Peterson

September 18

Kitty Peterson
Kristina Peterson
Patricia Pitter

September 25

Valerie Pogue
David Pontrelli
Everett & Susan Post

Save the Date for Homecoming Sunday

Trinity
Church will
launch its
new
program
year on
Sunday,
September



11, and that's the date for our
2022 Homecoming Sunday.
More information will follow, but
for now be sure to mark
September 11 on your calendar.

Please consider attending in
person to join in this special
celebration of our beautiful
church home and the special
place we share in each other's
hearts and lives.

2023 Calendar Sharing

Over the next several weeks, you
may find you are receiving more
2023 calendars than you can use.
Or you might be wanting a 2023
calendar. Trinity can help!
Beginning Sunday, September 11,
there will be a basket on the
nametag table in Goodwin Hall
for our parishioners to drop off or
pick up a 2023 calendar.
Calendars of all sizes are
welcome – wall, desk or pocket.

You're Invited to a Cookout At the Rector's Home

Rev. D. and her wife, Kristen,
invite you to a gathering at their
home on Saturday, September 10,
from 1 - 4 p.m. This will be an
informal gathering, so come when
you can and

stay for
however long
you can.
Hamburgers,
hot dogs and
beverages will
be provided;
please bring
either a side
dish or a
dessert to
share. If you have a favorite
folding chair, please bring that
along, too!



You can sign up [here](#) (or contact
the parish office at 860-527-
8133). Once you've signed up,
the office will contact you with
Rev. D.'s address.

This is the last of three such
gatherings Rev. D. and Kristen
have held this summer. If you
weren't able to come to one of the
other two, don't miss this one!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

1st & 3rd Thursdays: Holy Eucharist at noon in the Chapel
All other Thursdays: Mid-day prayers at noon in the Chapel
Thursday services resume September 1

Sundays at 8:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist in person in the church
*Weather permitting, this service will be held in the Memorial Garden through
Labor Day weekend*

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.: Holy Eucharist (in person and via YouTube)
Links to YouTube services at trinityhartford.org

The Reverend D. 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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Faith in Action at Trinity Church



Travel (Virtually) to Kenya With Five Talents

Trinity's partner in mission Five Talents invites you to take a virtual trip to Kenya with them on Wednesday, September 28, from 7:30-8:30 p.m.!

The Five Talents organization helps men and women living in extreme poverty to transform their lives through economic empowerment. Partnering with local churches in nine countries around the world, the organization provides training to teach adults how to read and write, do basic math, and gain the business skills needed to start small, sustainable businesses so they can lift themselves out of poverty. All of this training happens within small groups of neighbors called community Savings Groups.

The virtual tour will take you to a Five Talents program in Kenya. You can expect an interactive experience that combines short videos – all produced, shot and edited by a local Kenyan production team – along with a guided discussion and a Q and A session. You'll meet some of the inspiring program participants and their families, see the businesses that they started in action, and hear inspiring stories like this one:

Now I wear proper clothes and I am not ashamed to meet others. When people work together, things become easier. My Savings Group is a place of relief. We discuss our ideas and support each other. Now I live in a house with a metal roof, I can pay the school fees of my five children and my family has something to eat without any problems.

To register for the virtual tour on September 28 and get the Zoom link to the event, please go to fivetalents.org/events.

...And a Thank You from Five Talents

Five Talents is very grateful to Trinity Church for its support for their new program helping very poor, single mothers and their children in Rwanda. Not only did Trinity's Faith in Action team make a \$1,000 donation to help start this program, but the unanimous vote of the Vestry supported a successful application to the ECCT Mission Council for a \$7,000 ECCT Sustainable Development Grant for the program. The combined \$8,000 gives Five Talents' work in three different dioceses of the Anglican Church of Rwanda a really great start.

THANK YOU!

Covenant to Care Says Thanks for the Backpacks!

Thanks to your generosity, Trinity was able to present 21 backpacks to Covenant to Care for Children, following the blessing of the backpacks on August 7. Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!

We received the following thank you note from Covenant to Care:

Dear Trinity congregants:

I am reaching out to once again thank you for your generosity and diligence in helping our mission. The backpacks that you filled for children in the care of DCF Hartford created happy faces amongst the Social Workers that have distributed them to families in need. It is the strength of commitment in the relationship to help carry on this mission, Christmas gifts and more that is the heart of our Adopt a Social Worker Program. We could never express in words what it means for these children to be equipped with supplies and backpacks to continue their educational journey.

*With Blessings and Much
Gratitude,
Catherine Haugh
Regional Coordinator
Adopt a Social Worker Program,
Covenant to Care for Children*

More Faith in Action

An Update on Our Newest Refugee Family

Trinity's most recent refugee family – an Afghan man who fought with the Americans for many years and his wife and five children – are doing very well. The kids are soaking up English like sponges. Abna, 8, and Abdul, 6, attended summer school for a month this summer to improve their English and arithmetic skills, and then enjoyed time at day camp; the generous people at Winding Trails summer camp in Avon provided full scholarships. The Dadwalls lived inland in Afghanistan, and none of them ever saw a body of water before leaving there; now the kids have had a blast in Winding Trails lake and even learned to swim.

The 3- and 4-year-old boys, Amjad and Mohammad, and baby Zoya, 10 months old, are hanging out with Mom, taking the bus to the library for Mother Goose Hour and a dance circle, and playing in a wading pool at home. To see Zoya sitting in the pool splashing her palms on the water and laughing hysterically is to experience the goodness of God.

Both adults are proceeding with their English lessons, and Ferooz, the dad, wants to take the learner's permit test for a driver's license; however, until the Department of Motor Vehicles is willing to offer the test in Pashtu, the Dadwalls' language, he will be unable to do so. He dearly wants to be able to drive to work, which is about 25 minutes from home, and which by bus takes him one and a half hours each way.

The family misses those they left in Afghanistan, and worries for the safety of their relatives from the Taliban, who are taking revenge against relatives of people who worked with the American forces. But all in all, the Dadwalls are truly thrilled to be safe in their new home and are elated that their children have opportunities that were entirely unavailable during the war in Afghanistan. The family is deeply grateful to Trinity Church and the refugee resettlement team for making this new life possible for them.

Asylum Hill Neighborhood's Sizzling Summer

DominGo!: On June 26, traffic on Farmington Avenue was stopped between Whitney and Broad streets. There was bike riding in the streets, vendors on the sidewalks and chalk art at intersections! Trinity participated with an information table.

Police Report: Officer Palmieri reported that nuisance issues (loitering, public drinking, panhandling) are being addressed. The PAL baseball team he helps with is winning lots of games!

Friends of Sigourney Park: A cleanup day was held on June 25. A two-day event full of activities was being planned for August.

Economic Development: The city has approved the site plan for The Comet diner redevelopment plans. Next to come will be state and environmental approvals.

Green Committee: Pollinator plants were given out at DominGo! A tree assessment of Asylum Hill is under way.

Strategic Plan: Work is progressing on initiatives on blighted property, the Farmington Avenue streetscape, tree assessment, composting, safety cameras and an Asylum Hill Directory of Services.

A Community Partners breakfast will be held September 14 at the Town and County Club. All are welcome.

The next meeting of the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association will be held on September 12 at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome.



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From Michelle Horsley, Our Director of Music Ministries

Perhaps some of us have heard someone say that there are two ways to experience the world: one way is to believe that nothing is a miracle and the other is to believe that everything is a miracle. Within the context of our faith, we might substitute the word “blessing.”

Friends, it is a miracle and a blessing that we are able to still sing and gather at all. It is a blessing to be able to plan concerts and invite collaborators. This fall, we welcome a record four new choristers, augmenting our group by about 50%. In a time in which many choirs – church choirs and community choirs alike – are struggling to stay alive and weather the challenges of COVID dropoff, we are seeing growth.

I strongly encourage you to welcome this next generation of sacred music lovers personally as they enter our sanctuary to sing with us. We are blessed by their presence and they are blessed by your support.

Our 2022 Choir Course Week (August 22-26) for the choristers included a new slate of workshops and guest facilitators, featuring Gabriel Löfvall (Artistic Director of Chorus Angelicus and Music Director at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Hartford) leading a workshop on Hispanic Choral Repertoire, Sarah Kaufold (Director of Consonare Choral Community and Voices of Concinnity) hosting a session entitled Matching Vocal Colors,

and Benjamin Rauch (Conductor of Hartt Choir at The Hartt School of Music and a private vocal coach) leading a vocal masterclass. We also invited our Rector, Rev. D.



Littlepage, to discuss music in liturgy and our tenor section leader, John Michael Walker, to talk about the International Phonetic Alphabet. I am so grateful to Anne Green, Susan Post, the parents, and the Choir School Board for all their help and their continued support.

We reunite all our choral forces for Homecoming Sunday, the weekend after Labor Day – Sunday, September 11, when we’ll sing favorites, old and new. Please, if you or someone you know would be interested in joining the choir – either for a time or for a whole season – do let me know! There are many ways to get involved and to lift your voice in song. Perhaps you feel called to join a small ensemble for a one-off anthem or to join for a specific concert. Or maybe you’re interested in just “auditing” for a time. Do be in touch! I’d love to hear from you.

As we begin our third year together, I am reminded of the continued possibilities in our

music ministry, and while it’s hard to imagine in this ongoing pandemic that everything will necessarily go as planned, we are committed to creating safe ways to gather for musical events.

September kicks off the program year with Homecoming Sunday. During the rest of September and October, we’ll be preparing service music as well as bigger repertoire for a Choir School fundraiser concert on November 20, a Choral Evensong for Advent, and a special musical presentation for Christmas Eve. More details coming soon about all of these.

Soli Deo Gloria –
Michelle Horsley,
Director of Music Ministries

Book Group To Discuss *The Stone Diaries*

Trinity’s Book Group will kick off the new program year in September with a discussion of the Pulitzer prize-winning novel by Carol Shields, *The Stone Diaries*. The book tells the story of Daisy Goodwill Flett from her birth in Canada in 1905 through her years as a wife, mother, and widow, as she seeks to understand her place in the world. The Book Group meeting will take place on Friday, September 30, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., and will be hosted by Amy Arlin at her home in Avon. Please let Amy know (aearyl@gmail.com) if you plan to attend so she knows how many goodies to prepare. All are welcome!



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