



VOICE OF TRINITY

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“If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.” – James 2:15-18

FROM THE



RECTOR

Since the early days of the Church, there have been differing opinions on the relationship between an appropriate emphasis on faith versus works in the life of Christians. For me, I like to think of the relationship between faith and works using the image of a Möbius strip. If you were to draw a path on the surface of the strip, you would find that without ever interrupting the path, at times the path would be on the outside, and at other times it would be on the inside. (If you want to make a Möbius strip to try it out for yourself, take a strip of paper, make one half twist, and then tape the ends of the strip together to make a



loop.) Using the Möbius strip image, faith and works cannot be separated but are in a dynamic relationship where they feed and support each other.

Over the past year, you may have noticed a shift in language from “Outreach” to “Outreach/Faith in Action” or just “Faith in Action.” I think that this re-framing is useful because it helps to articulate more clearly what it is that we’re seeking to do and, more importantly, why we do it. Yes, we want to extend generosity and hospitality to those who are outside of the walls of the congregation. But that desire arises out of our faith: our faith that tells us that all are created in the image of God and are deserving of dignity and respect; our faith that tells us that there should be no distinction between insiders and outsiders because we are all connected as a part of God’s human creation; our faith that tells us everything we do is built on the foundation of God’s love for us and our response to that love, which is to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is that faith that we seek to put into action through all of the various ministries in which we are involved. It is that faith that we seek to put into action as we identify what future ministries we might undertake.

As we seek to strengthen our connection to the faith and spiritual resources needed to sustain meaningful ministry beyond our doors and continue to discern in what ways God is inviting us to put our faith into action, we will be focusing on one area of our current ministries for three months for the remainder of the program year. (While there will be a focus on one particular area of ministry, all of the others will still be active and in need of support!) From now through the end of November, our focus will be on Refugee Ministries. I invite you to keep your eyes, hearts, and minds open as we seek to continue putting Faith in Action in focus.

– The Rev. D. Littlepage, Rector

Adult Forum Fall Schedule

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Adult Christian Formation survey. The ACF team looks forward to incorporating some new ideas in its future planning. Meanwhile, the team has scheduled some exciting offerings as our program year kicks off. Here are the plans as they currently stand:

Sunday, September 26: ASK THE RECTOR – An open forum with Rev. D., who will answer your questions about all things Trinity. Have you always wondered about something we do in worship? Do you have questions about our programs? Our worship practices? Our mission? This is the time and place to ask!

Sunday, October 10: TRINITY COMMUNITY FOR RACIAL JUSTICE Tour of Hartford Murals – TCRJ has identified a route for getting a good tour of local racial justice murals. Please see the separate article on Page 3 for the details. The rain date for this event is Sunday, October 17.

Sunday, October 24: EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CONNECTICUT Convention Report – Delegate Suzanne Blancaflor and Rev. D. will report on what happened at the ECCT Convention held October 23. An update on the Bishop Search process may also be available.

Sunday, November 14, and Sunday, November 21: RACIAL HOUSING DISPARITIES IN CONNECTICUT – Erin Boggs, Executive Director of Open Communities Alliance, will describe the current status of housing availability for non-white people in our state, how we got to where we are, and some of the efforts being made to overcome injustice in the area of housing.

Saturday, December 4: ADVENT QUIET DAY – Rev. D. and members of the ACF team will lead us as we return to our old practice of offering a brief time for quiet reflection as we enter the busy time of Advent and Christmastide.

Sunday, December 5: THE MUSIC OF ADVENT – Our Director of Music Ministries, Michelle Horsley, will present a program on the music of Advent.

Sunday forums will follow the 10:00 a.m. service and will be held in hybrid format, with an in-person presentation in the Library with a live Zoom session available. Masks will be required in the Library.

Watch the weekly eVoice for reminders and updates to the schedule.

Trinity Church Benefits from Trinity College Do It Day

As a part of the college's annual Do It Day, members of the Trinity College men's hockey team spent the afternoon of September 11 at Trinity Church, lending a hand with several projects around the church buildings and its grounds.

Although the pandemic led to its cancellation in 2020, over the past five years this student

service event has typically involved 300-400 people working at up to 20 worksites in the Hartford area. Our parish was one of the community partners for Do It Day in 2018 and 2019, and we were glad to once again welcome back a group of volunteers from the college.

This year, our contingent of young student athletes helped with weeding in the Close (supervised by Enid Oberholtzer and Erica Weinstock), helped Peter Green clean up the back walkway between the parking lot and the Memorial Garden, leveled some mounds of dirt and erected a wire cage for our new compost heap. With our Facilities Manager, Vinnie Pacileo, providing guidance, they also moved many boxes of church records from the old SIM office area in the Parish House to another area of the building, cleaning out the space for use by the IRIS immigrant resettlement organization.

Our thanks to these willing and friendly students for all their hard work!



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Time To Celebrate!! Rector's Installation Set for October 2

The day we've been waiting for is almost here! On Saturday, October 2, the Reverend D. Littlepage will be officially installed as the Rector of Trinity Church. The Right Reverend Laura Ahrens, Bishop Suffragan of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, will preside at this 11:00 a.m. service. Refreshments in the Memorial Garden will follow the service.

The Reverend Glenna Huber, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany in Washington, D.C., will be the preacher for the installation service. Rev. Huber, who has been a mentor of Rev. D since our Rector was a recent college graduate in Atlanta discerning a call to ordained ministry, is a leader in the Episcopal Urban Caucus and in the Episcopal Church's involvement with The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

Everyone is invited to attend the celebration of Rev. D.'s ministry. If you are planning to attend in person, your RSVP would be appreciated; reply at www.tinyurl.com/trinityrector, or leave a message for Barbara Roos in the church office (860-527-8133, Ext. 204). Those attending in person must wear masks. The service will also be live-streamed at www.youtube.com/TrinityHartford. One way or the other, be sure to be present for this major event in the life of our parish.

TCRJ Plans October 10 Tour of Hartford Murals

On Sunday, October 10, after the 10:00 a.m. service, the Trinity Community for Racial Justice will sponsor a "traveling" family forum, visiting a selection of Hartford murals that celebrate the themes of racial justice as well as the contributions of BIPOC artists and citizens. The tour was inspired by an article in the Courant titled "Hartford, a City of Murals," but will focus on murals new since its publication as well.

We will gather in Goodwin Hall right after the service. You will be provided with directions; car-pooling, within COVID safety guidelines, is encouraged. Join us as we reflect together on selected works, ending with lunch at Parkville Market for all who care to join in. The tour will last approximately one hour, and the rain date is October 17. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Rowe or Heather Kramer.



The church office and buildings will be closed on Monday, October 11, in observance of the Indigenous Peoples/Columbus Day holiday.

The buildings will also be closed on November 25 for Thanksgiving (in addition to the usual Friday closing).

Emailing the Rector? Use This New Address

In order to facilitate timely responses to emails, please email Rev. D. at rector@trinityhartford.org. Both Barbara Roos and Rev. D. will monitor that email account in order to support more effective email communication. Anything that is personal, private, or confidential should still be emailed to dlittlepage@trinityhartford.org, which is monitored only by Rev. D.

Property Team Plans Fall Workdays

The Property Team has scheduled TWO fall grounds work sessions, one from 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 23, and the other (same time) on Saturday, November 20. These two sessions will involve both a general clean-up of the gardens and lawns and a major leaf-removal effort; we need to sweep all the leaves that have fallen on our property to the curb, where the city will collect them. If you can help, bring work gloves and a rake, if you have one, and come to Trinity at 9:00 a.m. on the 23rd and/or the 20th. Peter Green, who is in charge of grounds for the Property Team, will be on hand to assign tasks. Questions? Contact Peter at 860-236-1457 or pmgreen76@gmail.com.



Cycle of Prayer for October and November

October 3

Jake Troiano
Joe, Victor, Kaylee &
Destini Troiano
Olive, Irwin &
Amanda Tronchin

October 10

Alice Turcotte
Benneth, Corlet, Franklin,
Justin & Jonathan Ude
Peter Vreeland, Richard Charron
& Tony Charron Vreeland

October 17

Pekah Wallace &
Jay Nolan-Wallace
Sonia & Cassandra Watson
Tim, Atis & Freya Watt and
Amity Gaige

October 24

Bruce Wazoroko & Nancy Crandall
David, Ernestine &
Eugenia Weaver
Marshall Weaver

October 31

Elaine Weber
Erica & George Weinstock
Bruce & Nancy Whitcomb

November 7

James, Emily, Torin, Levi &
Norah White
Jon, Carol & Daniel Widing
Marc Wiest

November 14

Gayle Wilcox
Janet Wilkinson
Amy Williams

November 21

Deborah & Shakeem Williams
Pam Williams
Percy Williamson

November 28

Ray & Kathie Wilson
Chris, Milah & Elah Windnagle
& Jennifer Seibold
Steve Zhitnik & Anne Rapkin

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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 (in person and via YouTube)
Links to YouTube services at 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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Music Notes from Michelle Horsley

Welcome back!!

We are so happy to be safely back to in-person singing for both the Choir School of Hartford as well as the Trinity Episcopal Church Adult Choir. I am proud to say that despite the challenges of this past year, we are thrilled to welcome back a combined choir of



approximately 30 singers! Our kick-off Sunday (September 12) was filled with special music to honor the occasion. There are also many exciting music events on our horizon!!

At the beginning of next month (Saturday, October 2), we will celebrate Rev. D.'s installation as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in a service that will include all sorts of special choral and instrumental music. Do join us! (Details on Page 3.)

At the end of the month, we welcome those in the larger community to join us on October 29 for a family-friendly Halloween event! See the article on Page 7 with all the details.

Coming in November, we will begin a series of monthly Compline services (first Sundays at 9:00 p.m.). Join us for these mystical, meditative services modeled after ancient monastic traditions.

– Michelle Horsley
Director of Music Ministries

**"Sanctuary Stitches"
Wants You!**

The "Sanctuary Stitches,"
Trinity's prayer shawl ministry
group, is starting up again this
fall, and
welcomes
new
members!



We meet
(probably
via Zoom to

start the program year) for
prayers, fellowship and knitting,
crocheting or other portable
crafting. The group creates prayer
shawls, lap robes and baby
blankets for members of the
parish and ministry partners.

If you enjoy creating for the
benefit of others, consider joining
this informal and welcoming
group. Please contact me at
pennypearson@comcast.net or
860-243-0020 if you have any
questions, or would like to be
included in group
communications.

– Penny Pearson, Convener

Voice Deadline

The deadline for the next issue of
The Voice is Friday, November
12, at 5:00 p.m. This issue will
cover all events taking place in
December and January.
Articles should be sent to
voice@trinityhartford.org. A very
brief description in the subject line
of what your article is about
would be helpful in making sure
your information doesn't go
astray. Hard copy articles need to
be turned in to the parish office by
3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November
11. Thanks!



If you have an October or
November birthday not
listed below, please call
Barbara Roos in the parish
office at 860-527-8133, Ext.
204, or send her an email at
office@trinityhartford.org
so she can add your special
day to our parish records.

October

Janet Wilkinson	2
Jack Pearson	3
Fred Faulkner	4
Chivelle Blissett	4
Fredlane Bohlen	5
Kathy Steinwedell	6
Ray McFarland	7
Cassandra Watson	7
Jake Troiano	9
John Doyle, Jr.	10
Ray Esponda	11
Shannon Lee	11
Kate Lindsay	12
Margaret Moore	12
Hellen Strassner	12
Louise Krippenstapel	14
Odile Dilone	17
Elena Zhidkova-Rice	24
Marion Pereira	28

November

Louisa Cummings	2
Clement Mogor	4
Jay Nolan-Wallace	5
Marcus Clark	11
Suresh Rajendram	12
Pekah Wallace	12
Atis Watt	13
Cindi Harvey	21
Lawretta Onoh	22
Nick Duva	22
Chichi Onoh	25
Debbie Thomas	25
Martha Freimuth	26
Destini Troiano	26
Antoinette McCrary	27
Lou Loomis	28
Jane Harris	29

Notes from the September Vestry Meeting

The Trinity Vestry held its first meeting of the new program year on Tuesday evening, September 21. Seven members gathered in person in the Library and were joined by four additional members who participated via Zoom. This was our first attempt at a “hybrid” meeting – both live and Zoom – and there were some logistical challenges, particularly for the Zoom participants. It was a learning experience, and we expect future hybrid meetings to go more smoothly. Thanks to everyone for their patience and thanks especially to Casey Rousseau for the AV set-up.

The meeting started with devotions led by Valerie Pogue. Vestry members sang and hummed the song “Lord, I Want to be a Christian in My Heart.” Valerie then led a brief Bible study on the parable of the mustard seed, including a handout to which she had taped actual mustard seeds that participants could take home to plant.

The first order of business was approval of a Consent Agenda comprised of approving the minutes of the prior meeting, confirming the Vestry’s summer online vote for the new officer roles for Kitty Peterson as Warden and Alan Rice as Clerk, and reception of the Wardens’ Report.

Mark MacGougan then gave an update on IRIS – Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services. They will be renting the former SIM office space on the second floor of the Parish House starting

September 22. Their main office remains in New Haven; the office at Trinity will be their Hartford Satellite Office. Trinity has a long history of supporting immigrants and refugees, and we’re pleased to be able to host the new IRIS office.

Rev. D. then presented the Rector’s Report. She recounted the adjustments made to worship logistics over the course of the summer – restarting live worship, making mask-wearing optional for vaccinated parishioners when the pandemic seemed to be waning, then making masks mandatory again when the Delta Variant drove an increase in cases across the region and beyond. She expressed gratitude for all who helped organize and put on the Homecoming Sunday festivities, which she described as “amazing.” She had received many positive comments about the event and felt it helped everyone get back into the swing of our church life. She also expressed her thanks and appreciation to the church staff for their hard work to keep the church functioning despite the ongoing pandemic.

The next order of business was a motion to create a new personnel policy, effective on January 1 of 2022, that all Trinity Church employees will be eligible to earn paid sick leave in accordance with State of Connecticut guidelines. Currently, full-time employees are eligible for this benefit but part-time employees are not. This motion was approved.

Rev. D. then described a process for “Relational Meetings” – one-on-one conversations designed to build community by hearing one another’s stories. We split into pairs to do a brief practice exercise, and then regathered to discuss how we might use this process within the church. Rev. D. proposed that Phase One could begin with the Vestry and other lay leaders being trained in the process by a representative from the Greater Hartford Interfaith Alliance and then have each of the lay leaders have Relational Meetings with all of the other lay leaders – maybe 15 or 20 people

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Just in Time for Halloween—**PIPESCREAMS!**

On Friday, October 29, you are invited to get in the spirit of the season at PIPESCREAMS.

Sponsored by the Hartford Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, this elaborately festive Halloween-themed evening of organ events will begin at 6:15 p.m. in the labyrinth of the Trinity Church Memorial Garden, where – a few minutes after sunset – we will hear spooky tales of pipe organ disasters. (Fires and floods, oh my!) Simultaneously, younger attendees who are more engaged by hands-on activities will have the opportunity to build

a kit pipe organ! (See: OrgelKids USA.) Treats and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided outdoors. At 7:00 p.m., everyone will enter the sanctuary for the first half of a fun, theatrical, costumed organ recital. The second half of the concert, which will begin at 7:45 p.m., will be held at Asylum Hill Congregational Church, two blocks away from Trinity at 814 Asylum Avenue.

All attendees are required to wear properly-fitting face masks to make this a safe evening of Halloween fun.

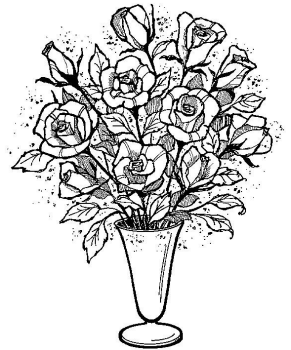
Farmington Avenue Sign Back in Place

A motor vehicle accident last March 1 destroyed the Trinity Church sign that had announced Trinity's presence to all those who passed by the Farmington Avenue entrance to the church campus. A new sign has now been installed by ARTfx, the company which designed and made the original.

Our thanks to gardeners Erica Weinstock and Enid Oberholtzer, who have been working on the garden at the Farmington Avenue entrance so our new sign shows off to best advantage.

Altar Flowers for 2022

If you would like to contribute to the 2022 Sunday altar flower fund in memory of a friend or family member, or in celebration of a special person or event, please fill out the form below and send it to the parish office. It is not necessary to send in your contribution toward the flowers at this time; however, do return the completed form as soon as possible so the 2022 schedule of memorials can be arranged before the start of the new year. (If you would like to send in your donation now, make your check payable to Trinity Church and earmark it "Memorial flowers" in the memo space. The suggested offering is \$50 per week, the average cost for flowers. Please note: There will be no altar flowers on the Sundays of Lent, March 6 through April 10, and forms for the Easter and Christmas memorials will be sent out separately in future issues of *The Voice*.



TRINITY CHURCH ALTAR FLOWER FUND - 2022

Please list the following altar flower memorials/celebrations for 2022:

IN MEMORY/CELEBRATION OF :

_____ (Please print)

DATE OF MEMORIAL _____

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (daytime) _____ E-MAIL _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

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total. This would likely take several months to accomplish. Phase Two would then consist of the lay leaders each having Relational Meetings with three to five other parish members. The Vestry discussed this plan and agreed to move forward to schedule the training session.

Casey Rousseau provided the Treasurer's Report. Receipts from parishioners are under budget for the year to date, but it is normal for such receipts to fall behind budget during the summer. Overall, the church's finances remain sound. Through August, the church has an operating surplus of approximately \$32,000.

The endowment balances have inched up to approximately \$1.2 million. Casey did warn the Vestry that, unless there is a fresh influx of money from the Capital Campaign, he will need to withdraw some money from the endowment to cover the cost

of the new fire safety system. The Vestry had already authorized the Treasurer to withdraw up to \$100,000 for this project if needed, but he has not as yet needed to withdraw funds.

Rev. D. asked the Vestry members to consider volunteering for this year's Stewardship Committee – and also to consider others beyond the Vestry who might be willing to help with that effort. She also reminded the Vestry members that there will be a joint meeting with the executive committee of the Capital Campaign on Wednesday, September 29, at 7 p.m.

There was a discussion of who should represent the church on the Trinity Academy board. The by-laws call for one warden and one additional Vestry member to sit on the school's board, in addition to the Rector, who is a board member ex-officio. Kitty volunteered to be the warden representative. Rev. D. will

follow up to determine which other Vestry member might also take this role.

Vestry members were invited to share feedback from the congregation. Several members had thanks and positive statements to share about Homecoming Sunday. There was some concern expressed about the "Black Lives Matter" sign facing Sigourney Street. Parish members have been supportive of the message, but some have expressed unhappiness with the aesthetics of the sign. There was some discussion of alternate ways to erect the sign and whether or not the current sign should be taken down in the meanwhile. No decision was made on this in the meeting, but Rev. D. asked members to email her with thoughts and suggestions.

The meeting concluded with "A Night Prayer" from the New Zealand Prayer Book. The next scheduled meeting of the Vestry will be October 19.

Altar Flowers for 2022

Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association – End of Summer News

Police Report:

There has been a rise in car smash-and-grabs. Keep items in your car out of sight or keep items out of the car. Patrols are addressing public drinking, loud music and parties, and littering at Sigourney Park. The past weeks our officer has been doing school security – introducing himself to students, teachers, administrators and parents.

Planning Department:

Rehab work planned for 29 Ashley Street has been approved. There have been three new applications for permits from Asylum Hill this past month. Rex Fowler from 215 Garden Street is going to the Historic District to get approval for landscaping work on the property. He is looking for a letter of support from AHNA. The Comet/Aetna Diner has been added to the National Historic properties list. Development is continuing.

City Updates:

COVID info and numbers will be available via the Asylum Hill and Views newsletter. National Night Out was a big success. This event took place on August 3 at various parks across the city. It's a means to introduce neighbors and highlight services from the city. Police members and firefighters were there available for discussions and show and tell. Operation Fuel for assistance paying fuel bills is now open. Call 311 for more information.

Public Defender:

Community Court is open again and working on clearing a backlog of cases from the shutdown.

Covenant Prep enrollment:

Covenant Prep is looking for more students in 6th and 7th grades. The school serves boys from 5th to 8th grade with a school day that runs from 7:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. There is individualized assistance and follow-through once the student moves on to high school and beyond.

Green Committee:

An Energy Fair will be held on October 16 at Sigourney Park. Composter machines have been delivered to the Niles Street Garden and Trinity Academy. All work around the composters is being handled by AHNA/Know folks. There is hope that another machine will be installed at the West Middle School.

Police Chief Thody:

The police chief joined us to address several issues raised by Asylum Hill residents. The areas are:

- Creating a safer area at Sigourney Park
- Quality of life issues such as noise, loitering and public drinking
- Red light cameras – helpful or not?
- Electric scooters
- Community Court reopening
- Neighborhood Watch
- Sharing of information gathered by porch or doorbell cameras

AHNA meetings are still taking place via Zoom. They occur on the 1st Monday of the month at 6:15 p.m. All are welcome.

Faith in Action at Trinity Church



Help Organize Trinity's 2021 "Giving Tree"

This Advent, we will continue Trinity's tradition of a "Giving Tree" project. Our tree will be set up in the Sanctuary, loaded with tags that list special wishes from the students at Trinity Academy, as well as children whose names are given to us by Covenant to Care. Parishioners who wish to participate will choose a tag, purchase, wrap and place the gift under the tree – all within a 2-3 week period.

This year's details will follow in November, but as you might imagine, this is a team effort! Volunteers are needed for activities such as: coordinating with Trinity Academy and Covenant to Care, creating the lists of gifts electronically, making the tags, setting up the tree, being present on Sunday mornings to assist parishioners with the tags, monitoring returning gifts and following up as needed.

If you'd like to be involved in some aspect of organizing this project, and get to know fellow parishioners in the process, please contact me by **October 24** at pennypearson@comcast.net or 860-243-0020.

– Penny Pearson, convener

Trinity To Welcome Second Family from Afghanistan

In October, Trinity Church, together with volunteers from St. Patrick/St. Anthony Church in Hartford as well as from Trinity College, will receive an Afghan family whose members were able to escape from Kabul in the August airlift. With equal measures of joy and hard work, Trinity's refugee resettlement team will resettle this family in the Hartford area, which means finding housing and furnishings for their apartment, providing clothing, obtaining medical and dental care, registering any school-age children in school, teaching the adults about American money and financial management, occasional babysitting if the children in the family are young, and so forth.

If you are interested in helping out with this effort in any way, please contact me at a.rapkin@snet.net or 860-521-5992. I think you would enjoy working with our team of wonderful volunteers as well as with our newest refugee family. Settling refugees is sacred work. Those who participate in it feel rewarded in life-changing ways. Please join us!

– Anne Rapkin

Update on Trinity's Refugee Families

Trinity's three current refugee families continue to emerge from the privations of the pandemic. The four children from the Saedi family, from Afghanistan, are all in elementary school this year, after spending a month at summer school and then enjoying two weeks of swimming and fun at a town summer camp. Diaa, the younger Syrian boy, is now in 8th grade, after spending a month as a counselor-in-training at another town camp during the summer. Family finances permitting, the 18-year-old of our Congolese family was set to begin community college in September, with his older sister returning for her second year at Capitol Community College in the nursing track. One of the two adult sons and his wife welcomed their second child – a big, healthy baby girl named Mlasi, after her mother – and the younger children are now in high school.

The Congolese mom, two adult sons, and the wife of one of them have been severely hampered by their lack of English language skills; regrettably, the organization which initially sponsored this family did not assist them in finding ESOL programs, with unfortunate consequences for them both in the quality of the jobs they've had to take and their opportunity to further their educations. Fortunately, they are all studying English now, and hopefully this will help them to find better jobs and begin post-secondary education.

More Faith In Action

Church by the Pond October 16

Many of you are familiar with Trinity's decade-long commitment to the Church by the Pond/Feeding in the Park ministry, coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral. Thanks to the generosity of many area faith communities, a worship service followed by distribution of lunches and personal care items is held every Saturday in Bushnell Park at 2 p.m. Our next opportunity to serve in this ministry is **Saturday, October 16**.

- We'll meet in the Trinity kitchen at 12:30 to prepare bag lunches, entering through the outside door to the kitchen.
- At 1:45 we'll bring the lunches to Bushnell Park, where we'll participate in the worship service by the pond, led by Rev. D.
- We'll distribute our lunches and personal care items following the service, and finish around 3:00.

All parishioners and families are welcome for as much of this time as they are available. Volunteers will observe the mask and social distancing protocols in place for in-person worship.

Contact me at 860-243-0020 or pennyperson@comcast.net if you have any questions, or if you are planning to participate, so we can coordinate social distancing.

– Penny Pearson, convener

Take the Grand Tour of Trinity Church!

What's the oldest building on the Trinity Church campus? Where are the Trinity Academy classrooms? Why is there a picture of a station wagon on a stained glass window? You can learn the answer to these and many other questions by taking the Trinity Tour.

Due to popular demand, a guided tour of the Trinity Church buildings will now be offered after the 10 a.m. service on the first Sunday of the month. The first tour dates will be October 3 and November 7. (There won't be a tour on December 5 to avoid a conflict with the adult forum on that date.)

Initially, the tours will be led by either Mark MacGougan or Casey Rousseau. The tour route includes the Parish House, the Library, the Education Wing, the Choir Room, the Sacristy, the Choir Loft and the Tower Room. The narration covers the history of the buildings, interesting details about them, renovations that have been made to them over the years, and how the different spaces are used today.

There's no need to sign up ahead of time. The tours are open to whoever is interested, and the meeting point will be explained during the announcement time at that Sunday's service. Wear comfortable shoes, as the tour includes a fair amount of walking and stairs. (For those unable to manage the walking and stairs, we are planning a video version of the Trinity Tour. Stay tuned!)

Trinity Academy Early Fall Update

Trinity Academy is excited to be back in session for in-person learning in the new school year.

Current enrollment is 37 students. While the school normally serves only 1st through 4th grade students, this year the school is welcoming back three 5th grade students, who share space with the 4th graders but have their own curriculum. This is because Covenant Prep, a partner school of Trinity Academy, decided not have a 5th grade this year.

The staff and students of Trinity Academy thank Trinity Church for sharing its beautiful space with them. The kids are learning in person again, and everyone is very excited for the new year!

Support Trinity Academy Through the United Way

If you will be making your annual United Way pledge at work in the coming weeks, consider directing all or part of your pledge to Trinity Academy Hartford. Just write in the school's code (DS1111) and the school name and its address (120 Sigourney Street, Hartford, CT 06105) under "Other" on the pledge to indicate you'd like to direct your pledge to an organization other than one of the listed community partners. As the school recovers from the problems faced during the last difficult year of learning and fundraising during the pandemic, your gift will be especially welcome this year. Thanks!





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