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Trinity Chimes

THE CHIMES OF TRINITY CHURCH

We are a community of Christian people seeking to love God with all of our hearts, souls, minds, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

It's so easy to make a difference!

Dear Friends:

The Carnival is coming May 30, 31, and June 1 and 2. The front yard of the church and rectory and the parking lot will be fun and games and carnival rides. It's a great time for young and old alike from Ambler and beyond. Literally thousands of folks come on to the property.

Everyone who knows me knows I appreciate fun and games but the Carnival is so much more than fun and games. The Carnival is a way to make a huge difference in many lives, in many places with a little time and effort.

By spending a couple of hours in the ticket booths you can help provide homeless families with an apartment and, more than that, a hopeful future.

Helping out on the Parsons Porch can change the life of a young African girl. Last year's Carnival funds pay for a year's tuition for her and two others through Mwamba ministries.

Bringing your "treasures" to be sold at the White Elephant Sale, volunteering to sort and price merchandise and be a cashier during the Carnival feeds hungry people in our county by our support of the Dixon Community Cupboard.

Working on set up or tear down, helping out with security provides much needed funds for our partnership with Chester Eastside Ministries and the Delaware County Housing Coalition.

Grilling some hotdogs, taking orders, making change at Pete's Grill for a couple of hours and your time has provided assistance to hurricane victims through Episcopal Relief and Development and Episcopal Community Services.

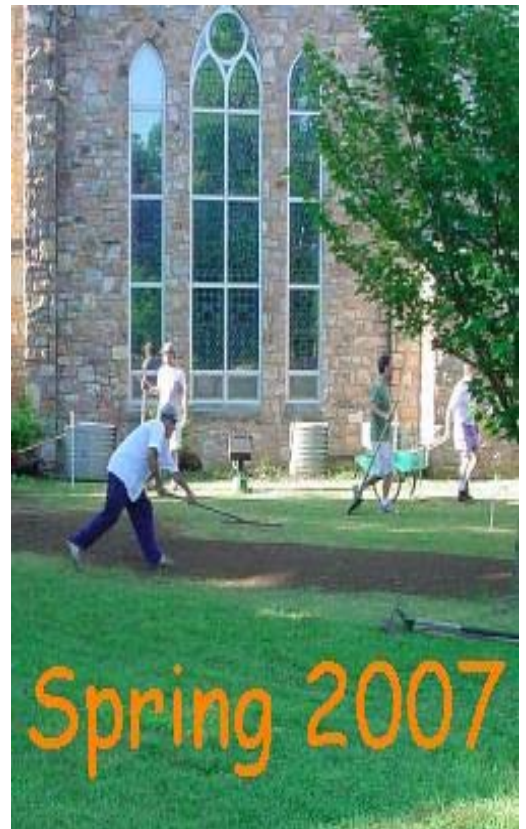
Selling sodas or counting money helps Five Talents provide microeconomic loans to third world people which changes whole communities for the good.

Carnival money makes a difference in the lives of folks who need it. Helping out at the carnival also helps take care of our buildings and grounds.

Here's the good part. You spend a couple of hours here and there over the four days and you will make a difference. More than that, you get to work alongside and get to know some of the amazing folks who are part of Trinity Church.

Volunteer, have some fun, get to know some folks and make a difference.

Fondly,
Fr. Dave



Dates....

May 19th	Golf Outing
May 28th	Memorial Day
May 30 / June 2	Carnival
June 17th	Father's Day
June 17 / June 24	Mission Trip
Every Sunday	Church



Trinity Carnival May 30 - June 2

We have changed the Carnival hours slightly this year. The new times are:

Wednesday	6 - 9	p m
Thursday	6 - 9	p m
Friday	6 - 10	p m
Saturday	4 - 9	pm

When you receive this issue of the Chimes the Carnival planning will be well under way. For the past several weeks we have had sign up sheets for all our various groups that make the Carnival work. If you have signed up, thank you, and if not, please keep in mind that it takes every single one of us to make the Carnival a success. We work hard for four days but so many outside of our walls benefit from the proceeds through our Mission and Outreach here at Trinity. We will also have our own security team, headed by Frank Vacante, that will be patrolling the grounds during all the Carnival times. This team is in addition to the Upper Dublin police (off duty) that we hire each year. We made these changes due to some security issues from last year's Carnival.

Advanced ticket sales are going on. Wrist band tickets for Wednesday and Thursday evenings and regular tickets can be purchased after church at the Carnival table in the Narthex.

White Elephant donations can be brought to church after May 15th. Please, no infant car seats - we cannot sell these. Please see Cliessa Nagle or Carole Allsop if you would like a letter for tax purposes. Leslie Vacante has been very busy contacting local businesses for donations to the Parson's Porch raffle. If you would like to donate a basket or item to be raffled, please contact

Leslie. All proceeds from the White Elephant sale, Parson's Porch raffle, bake and soda sales are 100%

profit for the Carnival since everything has been so generously donated. We are looking

forward to a wonderful Carnival with dry weather. Four dry days in a row would be a first for any Carnival. If you have any questions concerning this year's event, please contact Carole Allsop.



White Elephant, Parson's Porch, Bake Sale, Pete's Grill, Live Music, and Much More

TRINITY CARNIVAL: YOU CAN HELP



Sign up sheets for all the various committees are posted in the Church. It takes everyone to make the carnival work.

Soda donations begin now! Please bring water, Coke, Diet Coke, Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, & 7 Up only. Pre-ticket and wrist band sales will begin soon.

If you have any questions, please speak with Carole Allsop or the committee head named on the sign up sheet.

Funds Raised this year will benefit:

- Trinity Mission and Outreach
- Hope Gardens
- Community Cupboard of Ambler
- Interfaith of Ambler
- Real Men Cook (Meals for ECS)
- Episcopal Youth Mission
- Sylvan Handley Memorial Fund

Our Goal & Mission For the Carnival

“To create a fun-filled, family event that will encourage the entire community to participate in fund-raising efforts targeting local and national charitable organizations..”

Introducing Jim Hayden



Jim Hayden is a florist who combines his artistic and creative talents to enhance the beauty of Trinity Church. Jim brings these talents to the Church through the beautiful altar floral arrangements, seasonal displays such as the poinsettias at Christmas, the arrangement of lilies around the altar at Easter, and special holiday decorations. Of special note was the unusual arrangement and display of palms on Palm Sunday. The altar flowers are scheduled through the sign-up sheets in the Narthex and managed by Evelyn Carpenter. She obtains information as to each family's favorite color and kind of flowers then Jim designs each arrangement according to these requests. This makes the altar flowers more meaningful to the families.

Another aspect of Jim's work was his participation in the 2007 Philadelphia Flower Show. Jim and his wife, Amanda, have competed in the Flower Show for many years. This year they won awards in the competition call "HAT-ITTUDE" – "Tea In The Garden With The Queen." The entries had to be a hat form decorated with fresh and dried plant materials. Jim and Amanda's prize-winning "HAT" was covered with fresh and dried garden greens and hand-sewn with green silk thread. This meticulous "HAT" display (named "Hats Off To You!") was noted by the judges, and Jim and Amanda were awarded three Blue Ribbons:

- First Prize-"The Queen Would Love It"
- Class Commendation-The PA Horticultural Society
- Most Outstanding Creativity "HAT"

The Church is both blessed and more beautiful because of Jim Hayden's talents. "Hats Off To You, Jim."

3RD ANNUAL HACKERS OPEN!

May 19

Lots of swings, good fellowship, and tall tales have come from the first two Hackers Opens. As in the past, all proceeds from the outing benefit the Trinity scholarship fund. Last year the outing generated just over \$700 in funding, and our goal is to top the \$1,000 mark this year. The cost to participate in the outing will be \$70 per golfer. This cost includes golf with cart, prizes, and the post golf picnic. Several sponsorship opportunities are available to help defray our expenses.

If you have any questions please contact either Roy Irvin or Dennis Reid.



Proceeds benefit

**The Trinity
Scholarship Fund**

Lenten Art Project 2007

Directed by Cheryl Bayard and Samantha Guzzie



Painting 




EXPLORE
ART



Architecture 



Art
History 

Sculpture 



For the past four years, the youth at Trinity have been working on 12 paintings of the life of Christ. The paintings have been worked on during the Wednesday evening Lenten program. Directed by Cheryl Bayard, the youth from age 5 years to 18 years have completed drawings from 12 different events in the life of Jesus from a multicultural perspective. For instance, the nativity is painted as if taking place in Russia. Cheryl and Samantha Guzzie have turned the drawings into compositions which then were painted in acrylic by the youth. The details and shadowing and texture are added by Cheryl and Sam. It is truly a collaborative effort. The paintings are temporarily hanging in the narthex. They will find a permanent home in the hallway downstairs and next year be used by the young people as their stations of the cross. We hope you will take some time to view the paintings.

During the month of April, a host of volunteers was busy taking care of a mom, dad and six children living in the parish hall. Volunteers have provided dinners, transportation, linen laundering, and overnight company to the family. For Easter, the outreach budget provided money to purchase Easter basket items for all of the children. A volunteer took the mom

shopping so she could pick out what she wanted for her children. A prudent mom, she bought each child one piece of candy and then filled their baskets with necessities like socks. Thanks to everyone who offered Trinity's warm hospitality to our Interfaith guests. Together we offered help and hope to a wonderful family struggling to make ends meet.

“Belief is truth held in the mind; faith is a fire in the heart.”

TRINITY MILESTONES

TRINITY GROUPS

- ◆ Altar Guild
- ◆ Carnival Committee
- ◆ Chimes Mailing Crew
- ◆ Christian Education
- ◆ Christian Formation / EFM
- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Hospitality
- ◆ Helping Hands of Trinity
- ◆ Music
- ◆ Pastoral Care
- ◆ The Piece Makers
- ◆ Property
- ◆ Real Men Cook
- ◆ Stewardship
- ◆ Worship Ministries
- ◆ Youth Groups

Transfers in:

Claire Bauder on January 24, 2007 from Church of the Good Shepherd, Rangeley, Maine

Katherine Ferguson on January 30, 2007 from St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh

Frances Vashon Atkinson on February 9, 2007 from The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, Philadelphia, PA

Joseph Grogan on March 5, 2007 from Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Tuckahoe, NY

Joan Suwak on March 5, 2007 from Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, Philadelphia, PA

Mark Bilodeau, Kate Early, Timothy & Jacob Bilodeau on March 8, 2007 from St. Matthew's Episcopal, Maple Glen, PA.

Luke Alcorn on March 21, 2007 from St. James' Episcopal Church, Collegeville, PA

Transfer Out:

Earl, Heather Lee & Charlotte Whipple on February 16, 2007 to Good Shepherd, Rosemont.

Baptisms:

Emelyn Grace Rudalavage and William Patrick Curlett on April 8, 2007.

Marriage:

Justin Bistany & Elizabeth Hanna on April 14, 2007



Plant the
Seeds for the
Future.

Trinity Property

Help Wanted

2007 will be a busy year for the Property committee and friends. We budgeted for many projects in the church as well as at the rectory and on the grounds, not to mention any surprises that pop up. We will be hiring professionals for some of the work, but we will be looking for willing and able Trinity folks for the rest.

Leak Abatement

As was seen during the heavy rains in April, not all of the leaks at Trinity have been repaired. The Parish Hall is dry, but there are still leaks on the flat roofs above the office wing, nursery wing, and kitchen as well as on the high roof above the Narthex. Our roofer will be tackling the high roof work, but has offered to get us the materials to seal the flat roofs ourselves. In order to do that, we need some volunteers to help spread the sealant. **Please see Laura Gergen or Piers Prater if you have any skill or inclination to help in this area.**

Church School Restroom

We are going to build a restroom in the basement. It will be in the first room on the left downstairs. We're hiring a plumber, but will be doing all the other work ourselves. That includes cutting the concrete floor to put in the pump, hanging drywall, installing fixtures, flooring, drop ceiling and painting. We'll be emptying the room and getting the plumber underway in May, with the bulk of our work starting in June after the carnival. **Sound like fun? Let us know if you can help—we'll put you on speed dial!**

Parking Lot

Property is soliciting bids for the re-surfacing and re-striping of the parking lot. Also included in these bids is extending the handicap parking lot (located between the Parish Hall and Sexton's cottage) to the sidewalk, thus eliminating the muddy strip between the parking spot and the sidewalk.

Rectory Basement Water

When it rains, it floods! At least that's what happens in the Rectory basement. There are two sump pumps down there. One of them drains into piping that goes to the sewer;

the other one drains into the side yard....and then back into the basement. We plan to dig a trench out to the parking lot and run a drain line in it to get the water away from the house. We're going to connect the porch roof drain to that same line. Then we're going to re-grade that side yard. We also plan to run a drain line from a low spot in the basement into the sump pump. Hopefully that will keep the water heater and furnace out of the water. **Sound like fun? We definitely can use your help!!**

Grounds

We hired Sylvan Handley's company to do the lawn cutting in 2007. Congratulations Sylvan! That still leaves weeding, mulching, pruning, tree maintenance, and re-grading by the Parish Hall for us. Not that we don't all have this same stuff to do in our own yards, but if we want the Trinity property to look beautiful and the church school to be dry, we have to lavish some attention here as well. If you have gloves, a shovel, and/or snippers, let Scotti Kershner know and she'll put you to work.

Miscellaneous

We also plan to get a garbage disposal installed in the Trinity kitchen, continue repairing and painting walls damaged by water (after the leaks are fixed), replace damaged ceiling tiles, and investigate painting the trim on the rectory.

Does this sound like a lot of work to you? It sure does to us. We had a terrific group of volunteers help us out last year in the Narthex, Parish Hall and outside. We're hoping you'll all re-up and bring along some friends this year!!

Youth Ministry Update!

How time flies!!! It is nice to reflect on a wonderful year as the weather improves and the school year draws to an end! The Youth Group at Trinity has been quite active this past year and is looking forward to some really exciting events.

The High School Youth Group continues to work on fundraising for the Mission Possible Trip this June. Our thanks to all of you for your support thus far in raising funds towards this important trip to New Orleans. The sweatshirt sale was quite successful and has given everyone an opportunity to shine in Trinity Ambler gear! Also, many congregants enjoyed the bus trip to New York City to see Hairspray. Our next venture is the Mother's Day Plant sale. Pick up an order form at church and beautify your home for the spring season. All forms and checks should be into the church office by MAY 6, 2007. We appreciate all of your support in the fundraising efforts as well as your prayers and well wishes!

Summer Service Camp is also fast approaching! This year's dates are July 16-20th. We will be working with students from Chester throughout camp and splitting our time between Ambler and Chester. More details to come!

God Bless!
Call Kelly R with questions.

Just a reminder of our regular Youth meeting times:

High School Youth Group-
Sunday nights after the "Come as You Are Service" from 6-8pm

SEARCH (Junior High Sunday School)- Sundays 9:45am-10:45am

Junior High Fellowship- The third Friday of every month.

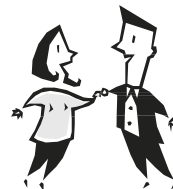
Please join us and bring a friend! We enjoy food, fellowship and fun!

Trinity Church Youth Ministry Mission Statement

The Youth Ministry of Trinity Church embraces and supports our youth and their families, inspires and guides their spiritual growth as disciples of Christ, and helps them to find God's purpose in their lives while empowering them to serve the church and the world.

Mission Possible 2007

New Orleans, LA.



It takes a lot to make each mission trip possible. We would like to thank everyone who has helped in any way make the upcoming 2007 mission trip a reality. Time, baked goods, car washing, money, emotional support. It all counts and we thank you.

Thank You

Stewardship: It's Not (Always) About the Money....

A few weeks back my friend Lesley sent me an email with the subject line, "The Stamp." The email was a forwarded story, perhaps apocryphal, of a female elementary school principal who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. As she tells the story she relates how the children in her school stayed with her throughout her various treatments, believing she would get better and come back to the school. In this story she does, of course, recover and is thrilled with the welcome the students give her when she returns to her office.

As I am reading this story I wonder why Lesley has sent it to me.....until I get to the very end of the email. And there I find this:

"Subject: Breast Cancer Stamp Booklet.

This is one email you should be glad to pass on. The notion that we could raise \$35 million by buying a book of stamps is powerful! As you may be aware, the US Postal Service recently released its new "Fund the Cure" stamp to help fund breast cancer research. The stamp was designed by Ethel Kessler of Bethesda, Maryland. It is important that we take a stand against this disease that affects so many of our Mothers, Sisters and Friends.

Instead of the normal 39 cents for a stamp, this one costs 45 cents. The additional 6 cents will go to breast cancer research. A "normal" book costs \$7.80. This one is only \$9.00. It takes a few minutes in line at the Post Office and means so much. If all stamps are sold, it will raise an additional \$35,000,000 for this vital research. Just as important as the money is our support. What a statement it would make if the stamp outsold the lottery this week. What a statement it would make that we care. I urge you to do two things TODAY:

1. Go out and purchase some of these stamps.
2. E-mail your friends to do the same.

Many of us know women and their families whose lives are turned upside-down by breast cancer. It takes so little to do so much in this drive.

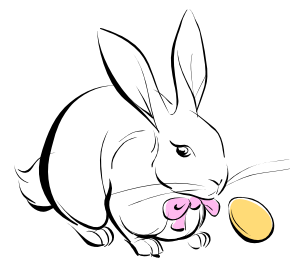
We can all afford the \$1.20. Please help & pass it on."

Frankly, I had never thought about this before and it set me to thinking about the Stewardship of Little Things; how if each of us does one little thing it all adds up! I checked the website for the Postal Service (<http://www.usps.com>) and got an update on the status of the stamp booklet. This stamp, originally issued in July, 1998 has to date raised over **\$53 million** for breast cancer research. That is an amazing amount of money at \$0.06 per stamp! Can you guess what stamps now grace all my envelopes?

I'll be keeping an eye out for similar "Little Things" for future columns. If you think of one, please let me know!

Nancy McGarvey

PS (The Post Office also offers a similar booklet for the fight against Domestic Violence. For details about the program see <http://www.usps.com/communications/community/semipostals.htm>)



Easter Egg
Hunt
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Pastoral Care Corner

FOOD FOR FRIENDS PROGRAM

The Trinity Pastoral Care team expresses its gratitude to all who participated in providing meals for convalescing members. Special thanks to Lynda Basham for coordinating this effort and to Annette Irvin for her assistance as well. This is an important part of our Trinity Church ministry.

PARENTS OF TEENS RESOURCE LIBRARY

Several new books have been added that address everyday problems our adolescent youngsters face. Some texts focus on specific problems for each gender providing assistance for handling situations at school, at home, among friends and elsewhere. It is recommended that parents who borrow these texts read them thoroughly prior to suggesting readings by their youngsters since the author's perspective may or may not be in keeping with the belief systems of the family. New books addressing how adolescents can maintain their religious faith when faced with enigmatic situations have also been added to the collection. We hope parents avail themselves of this opportunity.

Available websites are listed in previous issues of the Chimes.

Addie M. Johnson, Pastoral Care Coordinator



"Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins."

A child was watching his mother sift through and delete a long list of junk E-mail on the computer screen. "This reminds me of the Lord's Prayer," the child said. "What do you mean?" the mother asked. "You know. That part about 'deliver us from E-mail.'"



Photos from Passion Play



Help Raise Money

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Our Worship Services, Church School and Formation Classes

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship Holy Eucharist Rite 1	Spoken Service
Sunday	9:30 am	Child Care	For those 3 and under
Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Holy Eucharist Rite 2	Service with music
Sunday	9:45 am	Godly Play	Spiritual Formation for kids ages 4 through grade 1
Sunday	9:45 am	Advanced Godly Play	Spiritual Formation for kids grade 2 through grade 5
Sunday	9:45 am	Search	Church School for grades 6 to 8
Sunday	11:15 am	Cursillo Fourth Day **	Holy Family Chapel
Sunday	5:00 pm	Worship Casual Service	"Come as You Are" Parish Hall
Wednesday	9:00 am	Worship Healing Eucharist	Spoken service in our Holy Family Chapel
Thursday	9:00 am	Bible Study **	Weekly, in the Conference Room . From 9:00 - 10:30
Thursday	6:30 pm	Worship Healing Eucharist	Healing Eucharist and Gospel reflection Holy Family Chapel