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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.

Increasing the presence of the goodness of God!

Dear Friends:

As I sit in my office writing this letter, my trip to Cape May is so near I can smell the salt air! My excitement for vacation is only tempered by the sad truth that summer is coming to an end.

Writing this letter for the Chimes should be one of my easiest tasks. It's so open ended, I can write whatever I feel like writing! When I prepare sermons there are parameters. I preach from one of the appointed lectionary readings for the day and that gives me a place to start. The idea that I can write about whatever I want is too much freedom for me! So I often spend a lot of time thinking and praying about what I will write before I ever sit down at the computer. Not this letter! I learned last night I had to write it today.

So I am sitting here at the intersection of the end of summer and the beginning of the program year. What I have been asking myself this morning is: "if I could have only one prayer for Trinity Church as we start up in the fall, what would it be?" My prayer is that in all we do this year our purpose might be to increase shalom in the world.

Rob Bell in *The Velvet Elvis* says that shalom is the presence of the goodness of God. Shalom is the presence of wholeness and completeness, its being who God created us to be. For me, the presence of the goodness of God in me increases through regular prayer, reflection on scripture, and most of all service.

I agree with Rob Bell when he says that the church is at its best when it is giving itself away in "quiet, humble, stealth acts that change things."

My prayer for us is that we see ourselves as people of the good news. Good news especially for those who don't believe it. The more we start living out Jesus' teachings we become more generous,

compassionate, forgiving and loving. A more generous, compassionate, forgiving, a loving neighbor is good news for everyone! Rob Hall says: "if the Gospel isn't good news for everyone, it isn't good news for anyone."

Increasing the presence of the goodness of God. Can you imagine what that might look like here at Trinity? Can you imagine what increasing the presence of the goodness of God might look like in our homes, our neighborhoods, our diocese, our places of work and school might look like? Can you imagine what it might be like for Trinity to be known as good news people? Can you imagine what it might be like for us as individuals and a parish family to be known as people bringing the blessings of God? Let's imagine it together.

Fondly,

Fr. Dave



Dates....

October 6	Grounds Clean-up
October 27	Hayride
October 26	Stop the Violence Prayer Vigil with St. Augustine's
October 31	Halloween
Every Sunday	Church

Meet the Deacon



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The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney is an Associate Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Her course offerings include: Heroines, Harlots and Handmaids: the Women of the Hebrew Scriptures with sections on "Cosmic Herstory," "Carnal Knowledge" and "Postcolonial Musings" and, Prophetic Constructions, which explores prophets who do not have canonical books attributed to them, including better-known prophets such as Miriam and Nathan, Elijah and Elisha along with lesser-known prophets such as the woman with whom Isaiah fathered a child and Zedekiah the Canaanite.

Her approach to teaching the Hebrew Scriptures includes emphasizing archaeology, comparative ancient Near Eastern

literature and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Dr. Gafney is a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, ordained in June 2007. She is currently serving at Trinity Episcopal Church, Ambler and has served at St. Paul Episcopal Church, Chestnut Hill. She is a member of the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in Philadelphia, PA founded in 1792; it is the first Episcopal church in the U.S. founded by and for African Americans. She is also a member of the Dorshei Derekh Reconstructionist Minyan of the Germantown Jewish Center, in Philadelphia. She is particularly interested in how Jews and Christians interpret the texts they hold in common. Among her other interests are feminist biblical studies, rabbinic studies and issues in translation. Her current projects include an exploration of motherhood in messianic genealogies in "Mother Knows Best: Messianic Surrogacy and Sexploitation in Ruth" in a forthcoming volume of Semeia on motherhood, a commentary on the book of Numbers in the "African Women's Bible Commentary," and a commentary on Ruth and article on responsible Christian exegesis of the Hebrew Scriptures in the African diasporic biblical commentary Biblia Africana, Fortress Press. She is also one of the general editors of the People's Bible which with her book Daughters of Miriam will also be published by Fortress. Her series of bible studies in Genesis was published in the Abingdon Pastor's Bible Study, Volume III, in April 2006.

Summer Service Camp—2007

This year's Summer Service camp was different.

Youth from St. Matthew's did not join us.

It was in July instead of August.

Instead of 25 kids there were 6.

Instead of us doing our own thing in Chester, we joined in with the summer enrichment camp at Chester Eastside Ministries.

The enrichment camp focuses on helping kids maintain or increase their skills in writing, reading and math. Kids from Trinity assisted the participants in these learning experiences and they also participated in a number of just for the fun of it activities. The camp provides the children of Chester with organized summer activities. So kids make doughnuts or sing or dance and whole lot of other things. The camp also gets kids out of Chester so this they traveled to places like Clementon Park, the National Aquarium in Baltimore, overnight camping in the Poconos and more.

We learned a lot about how do this cooperative ministry better next year. We learned that we have to be very intentional about introducing our kids into the group. We learned that need to provide specific community building activities for our kids and Chester kids of the same ages.

Red Rose Award



The celebration of Red Rose Sunday is an important part of the history of Trinity Church. At this time a red rose is presented to honor a parishioner whose faithfulness and work have made a significant difference to Trinity. David Manchester was the recipient of the Red Rose Award in recognition of his service to Trinity Church.

David is highly skilled and creative in designing and working on major structural projects. He began training in the Navy as a Class "A" Mechanical Mate at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. He progressed through several tours of duty and training in engineering until his Honorable Discharge as Mechanical Mate 2. He completed his education at Temple University Technical Institute in Philadelphia. David worked for various engineering firms and retired after 33 years from The United Engineers and Construction as Mechanical Design Supervisor.

David and his wife, Margaret, transferred into Trinity Church four years ago and his contributions during this time have been outstanding.

Prior to joining Trinity Church, David designed and worked on major renovations in Montgomery County and

Philadelphia churches.

David has chosen to share his talents at Trinity and the church as been truly blessed. As an active member of the Property Committee, David began to work on the problems being considered at meetings and those he had noticed. He designed plans for solutions to these problems. The designs are impressive and they show David's determination to improve the church's facilities. Some of these problems had been on going, having defied previous attempts at being corrected. David discovered the sources of many problems and he designed the solutions. By working with some of the Property Committee members, many of these older problems were alleviated. Some of these projects include regarding the side yard, a new design for the roof gutters, improvements in the rectory and the sexton's house, and refinishing the wood floors in the sanctuary.

David's current project is the design and construction of a restroom in the basement for the Church School children. He and Dick North, whom David credits with much of the success of the project, have worked on this from May through August. Other Property Committee members have assisted as well. When completed, this will be a two-room facility with a restroom and utility access room. It will comply with The American Disabilities Act for accessibility in terms of size and height of fixtures. This new restroom is almost complete and will be ready before the September opening of Church School. David has prepared a pictorial record showing the stages of construction of this children's facility for display at church.

It is David's belief that our time and talents should be used in the church. He says, "That's the whole idea!" Congratulations, David, you are a most worthy recipient of the Red Rose Award.

Fr. Dave Chosen for Clergy Leadership Project

Fr. Dave, has been chosen as one of 30 participants in the twenty-second class of the Clergy Leadership Project to take place in West Cornwall, Connecticut. Several hundred clergy were nominated from across the nation and participants were selected on the basis of talent, experience, geography, leadership ability, and other criteria.

The Clergy Leadership Project is a national initiative formed to develop and strengthen clergy leaders, supporting new visions for vigorous ministries in their congregations and communities as well as support their personal growth. Trinity Church, Wall Street in New York City and The Episcopal Church Foundation initially funded this leadership model. Today Trinity Church is the sole sponsor of the project.

Fr. Dave will be attending a six day conference, October 21-26 and will continue to meet with his clergy colleagues for another three sessions as they prepare to equip themselves for the vigorous task of leading the church in the 21st century.



Plant the Seeds for the Future.

Trinity Property

Church School Restroom

The Church School Restroom facility is nearing completion downstairs. Many thanks go out to David Manchester for his direct role in the oversight of this project. He has worked consistently throughout the summer months to get this much-needed project nearly completed. Thank you also to Clyde Basham, Dick North and Roy Irvin for their continued efforts while assisting with this project. *Thank you!*

Rectory Basement Water

At the Rectory the basement windows were all caulked to minimize the influx of water to the basement.

Miscellaneous

These above items are a few examples of things being done at Trinity. Our list of 'chores' is still long and our crew is limited. As much as we all enjoy and need the church, the church also needs you! The Property Committee will again be organizing work-days in the near future. If you are able to volunteer any time, please call Piers Prater or Laura Gergen. We will be happy to accommodate any schedule, *but we do need volunteers*. There are many things that can be done at any time. If you want some quiet time working inside or outside, we can help you!

Help Wanted

Although Summer is the time when folks typically vacation, many volunteers have not stopped working here at Trinity:

Thank You

Thanks to Skip and Scotti Kershner, mulching services were provided at an extremely reasonable rate to Trinity. Many thanks to the 'crew' for taking an area and weeding prior to the mulching.

2007 Fall Rummage and Baked-Goods Sale

It is that time of year again to help the Trinity Outreach Committee help others. In preparation for the coming holidays, we are asking you to clean out and donate your unwanted 'treasures' to the "2007 Trinity Fall Rummage Sale". We accept: kitchenware, toys, used clothes, tools, books, albums, exercise equipment and furniture. We do ask that anything that is donated be usable. (Undergarments and broken items are not wanted.)

A sign-up board will soon be posted in the narthex. We will need help in all areas. If you have any questions, please contact:

Rummage Sale Coordinator: Piers Prater

Baked-Goods Coordinator: Barbera Shields

Wine and Cheese Social Coordinator: Jennifer Prater

IMPORTANT DATES:

Table Set-up: Saturday, October 13, 9:00 am, Parish Hall.

Donation Drop-off: October 13 – October 18.

Organization/ Pricing: as available October 13- October 18.

Baked-goods drop-off: Friday morning, October 19.

Wine and Cheese Social (for Trinity Families): 7:30pm – 9:30pm Friday October 19, 2007.

Public Sale: Saturday, October 20, 2007: 9am- 4pm.

Tear-down/ clean-up: Saturday, October 20 evening and Sunday, October 21 after church (if needed)

Youth Ministry Update!

It's amazing how fast the summer goes by and all of the new and exciting things that are happening in all of our lives! The Youth Group participated in a successful Mission Trip to New Orleans alongside other community churches and discovered how dramatically God's love can transform a community bringing the Heavenly Kingdom to earth. Several junior high youth also worked alongside students from Chester, Pa during Summer Service Camp. We continue to look for new ways to reach out to our neighbors while developing our ability to become Disciples of Christ.

Our Youth Minister was also quite busy as she added a new addition to her family...finally! Riley Rupprecht was born on June 22nd at 9lbs 8 ozs and is a complete joy!

As September approaches and the Fall brings a refreshing breeze to our hectic lives we will once again join together to worship God and enjoy fellowship opportunities, "Search" Sunday School classes for Junior High students will resume with the start of Church school and will be held from 9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings. Senior High Youth Group will meet on Sunday nights following the 5:00pm service and go from 6-8pm beginning the 15th of September! The Junior High Fellowship night will be forthcoming!

I can't wait to see all of you again soon!

God Bless!

Kelly Rupprecht

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.

CHURCH SCHOOL

We are busy getting ready for another Church School year. We are blest with lots of children and need to re-arrange the class setting as follows:

Godly Play One	Age 4 thru 1 st grade
Godly Play Two	2 nd and 3 rd grades
New Curriculum	4 th and 5 th grades
Youth Group	6 th grade and up

Class begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. The children can start to arrive at 9:45 a.m. We will continue the Cherub Choir with the 4 year olds thru 3rd grade groups.

IMPORTANT DATES:

September 9, 2007	First day of class
September 16, 2007	Ministry Fair Sunday and Church School Open House
December 16, 2007	The Christmas Pageant at 10 a.m. service

Rehearsals for the pageant will begin Sunday, November 25th.

If you have any questions about our program, please contact Carole Allsop.

4TH ANNUAL HACKERS OPEN!

May 19, 2007



As 10:00 AM approached on the sunny morning of Saturday May 19th, twenty-one avid golfers awaited their assigned tee times, and the opportunity to become the 2007 Trinity Hackers Open champions. When the Canan team, yes that Canan!, struck their first tee shot, the tournament was officially underway. In addition to the Canan group, other teams participating this year included the Manchester, Mellom, Reid, and Dively/Gergen foursomes.

As the day progressed there was some concern voiced by players that Father Dave was seeking unauthorized help from the heavens since he was often seen looking and pointing skyward during the round. When questioned later regarding these actions, he calmly stated that he was merely admiring the puffy white clouds, and the various bird species seen flying above the course. Once clarified, all participants felt better. Further, once the final scoring was announced, any thoughts regarding divine intervention were quickly dismissed.

At the post golf celebration, which was again held at the Gergen estate, the tension was high, and great anticipation abounded as the final scoring review was completed. Finally, it was time to announce the winners of the annual golf outing. While this year's tournament was very competitive, the 2007 trophy, and bragging rights for the year were awarded to the Manchester team who finished the day with an even par 70 total. Finishing close behind with identical scores of 71 were the Mellom and Reid teams finishing second and third respectively. The Dively/Gergen team recorded a score of 76 to capture fourth place, while the Canan team tallied a score of 96 to capture not only fifth place, but also the 2007 award for being the "Most Honest" foursome!

Individual awards were presented to John Dively for being closest to the pin on the 9th hole, and Jes Mellom took the honors for the longest drive of the day on Hole 11.

While the outing is intended to provide a great fellowship experience for all of the players, it also has the goal of providing ongoing funding for the Trinity Scholarship fund, which provides financial assistance to eligible Trinity high school seniors each year. The golf committee is pleased to announce that proceeds from this year's outing resulted in a \$970 contribution to the scholarship fund.

The financial success referenced above could not have been possible without the sponsorship and support of many. Specifically the golf committee extends its thanks to our hole sponsors including, Al Mathis, Terri McGann, Dave Manchester, Art Hayes, Joe Spanial, Cheryl Bayard, Jeff Lawrence, and Dennis Reid. Additionally we want to thank our event sponsors which include, Prize Sponsor - Art Hayes, Beverage Sponsors - Bob McGann and Rob Gergen, Food Sponsor - Roy Irvin, and General Sponsor - Al Mathis. Finally we extend our thanks to the entire Gergen family for inviting the participants once again to their home for our post event party.

3rd Annual Women's Retreat

Sponsored by
The Daughters of the King
Anam Cara Chapter
Trinity Church ~ Ambler

**Theme: *A Closer Walk with God for
Women on the Run***

Retreat Leader: *Rev. Maxine Dornemann*

Dates: *Oct. 12 - 14, 2007*

Place: *St. Marguerite's Retreat House*

**Cost: ~ \$150.00 Only a few
spaces remain**

**For more information call Jan McLemore
(215) 654-7993 or Denise Elliot (610)
630-2922**

October is Breast
Cancer Awareness
Month. Wear PINK on
Sunday, October 21
and make a donation
to the Susan G.

Komen Fund.
Thanks!



Pastoral Care Corner

by Addie M. Johnson

The Pastoral Care program at Trinity offers several needed services structured to address the needs and concerns of all members of our Trinity Family.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors/Ministers

The ministry of this group serves to expand and supplement the work of the rector. Roger Clarke, Al Mathis, Addie Johnson, Scotti Kershner, and Rita Detweiler minister and bring communion to Trinity members who are unable to attend Mass. Our EV/M group will continue to engage in seminars this year to expand our knowledge base in providing this ministry.

Trinity's Parish Nurse

Mrs. Jennifer Prater faithfully continues to serve our Trinity Family in this capacity by providing knowledge and information regarding available medical services in Montgomery County.

Meals for Individuals and Families in Special Circumstances

Mrs. Lynda Basham coordinates the volunteers who provide this periodically much needed ministry to our parishioners. Persons in need may contact Fr. Dave for a referral.

Transportation for our Elderly and Disabled

Need a ride to church for Mass? Kindly contact Mr. Stephen Chester or Mr. Roy Irwin for assistance.

Parents of Teens Library and Websites

Especially selected texts that address adolescent guidance are available for borrowing; the library is located directly beneath the mailboxes in the Narthex. If you borrow a book, kindly leave a brief review for the next parent. We ask that parents pre-read all texts that are written expressly for teens to ascertain that the philosophy coincides with that of their family.

Useful websites are listed on the Chimes Winter 2006 Pastoral Care Corner.

5pm Sunday "Come as you are" Eucharist

The service is held in the parish hall. Seating allows for more interaction and intimacy.

- The Gospel reading will be discussed.
- Communion will be celebrated using an alternate worship.
- Provide a less formal more interactive style.
- Contemporary music.



A young lad was visiting a church for the first time, checking all the announcements and posters along the walls.

When he came to a group of pictures of men in uniform, he asked a nearby usher, "Who are all those men in the pictures?"

The usher replied, "Why, those are our boys who died in the service".

Dumbfounded, the youngster asked, "Was that the morning service or the evening service?"

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