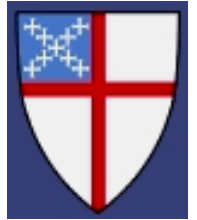


Fall 2008

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.



The Chimes of Trinity Church

Beginnings!

Dear Ones:

When I started this article I called it “new beginnings.” However, as I thought about it, all beginnings are new. Is there any such thing as an old beginning?

When I write, I often ask myself: “what would Darrell do?” (W.W.D.D.) So I double-checked with confirmed lexicophile, Trinity Church member, and author of *Write Well Now*, Dr. Darrell Walters, and he confirmed that “new beginnings” is redundant.

Fall is the time of beginnings. Kids and teachers begin a new school year. Churches and Sunday schools begin new program years. Here at Trinity we begin a new program year and redundant or not **THIS A NEW BEGINNING!**



We have invited the Rev. Mary McCullough to join us as Associate Rector. Mary has years of leadership experience in the Episcopal Church, particularly in church school and adult formation. Mary has an M.S. in Pastoral Care and a Masters of Divinity. This past June she was ordained as a Transitional Deacon, which means that she will soon be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church. (The timing of that ordination is yet to be determined by the Standing Committee, the Commission on Ministry, and Bishop Lee.)

Financially, this is a bold step of faith by our Vestry. Yet to live into our plans to deepen and widen our ministries at Trinity Church it is absolutely necessary. Let me say it another way; we want to improve and expand our existing ministries so that we might be more faithful in our mission to love God and our neighbors. We want to make our worship, learning, and serving opportunities more diverse, at more times, to meet the needs of more of our people and to make Trinity even more welcoming and open to newcomers.

The excitement and possibility of this **NEW** beginning has consumed my thoughts and my prayers. My prayer for us is Paul’s prayer for the church at Philippi: *that our love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best so that we may produce a harvest of righteousness; (then I add) so that more people may know and experience and share the love of God in ways that make their lives better.*

Yours in the Excitement!

Fr. Dave

Greetings to you my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this congregation. I am so grateful for your warm welcome and want you to know that my deepest desire is to love God and to serve others through faithful ministry.

A cradle Episcopalian, I was baptized, church-schooled, confirmed, and married at the Church of the Advent, Hatboro. My husband David and I have been married 32 years and we live in Horsham. We've been blessed with two children, now adults. Our son, David, 29, lives in Hatboro with his wife Jeanne. He works for Chrysler Financial as a Dialer Manager. Our daughter, Amy, 26, who recently became engaged to Ethan Peiffer, lives in Upper Moreland and works for Origlio Beverage, Philadelphia, as a Beer Pricing Specialist. They are both incredible blessings in our lives. My interests include reading and spending time with friends and family – both nourish my soul. And truth be told, I confess to you that I enjoy football and am an avid Eagles fan!!

So that we might begin to know one another, I share with you a bit of background. I have served in multiple leadership capacities over the span of twenty years at Church of the Advent, Hatboro, including most vestry committees, three years as Rector's Warden, and ten years as Church School Coordinator. After completing Education for Ministry in the early 1990s, I served as mentor for five years. I graduated from Gwynedd Mercy College with a Bachelors degree in Sociology/Human Services in 1998. I then pursued a Masters Degree in Pastoral Counseling with a focus on Spiritual Direction from Neumann College in Aston, PA. I was employed by All Hallows Episcopal Church, Wyncote, as the Church School Coordinator for six years before beginning seminary. Attending The Lutheran Theological Seminary for two years, I then completed my final year of seminary at The General Theological Seminary in New York City. (It was great fun!)

Christianity is primarily and essentially relational. The church is a conduit for the way to God and we are called to devoted allegiance through worship, daily prayer, education and formation. May God bless us as we go forth together inspiring and empowering each other toward deeper faith and trust in God.

With gratitude and devotion,
Rev. Mary A. McCullough



From left to right:
Ethan Peiffer (Amy's fiancée), David, my husband, Amy, my daughter, David, my son,
The Rt. Rev. Bishop Edward Lee, myself, my brother Wally Grummun, my daughter-in-law, Jeanne, and two of my three nephews.
Mark in the blue shirt and K.C. in the black.

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

It's been almost three years since I wrote a column on bottled water. I tried to point out that much of the world has no access to clean, fresh drinking water causing a myriad of problems. If you want to refresh your memory on some of the statistics, the article is on page 4 of the December 2005 Chimes (<http://trinityambler.com/chimes/dec2005.pdf>)



I'd love to be able to say that there's been a drastic change in the world situation, but that just isn't the case. There is hope though, as the Stewardship Team found out at the Province I Conference on Stewardship, Evangelism, and Congregational Development last spring.

This year the offertory collected at the closing eucharist of the Conference was donated to an organization called PlayPumps International. Talk about a simple idea with a big impact!

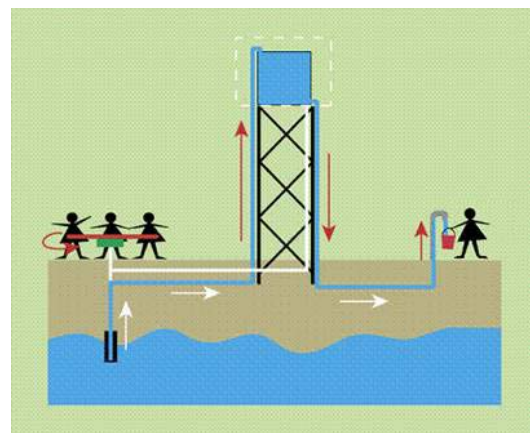
Have you ever been at a gathering with a lot of kids running around and someone says, "boy if we could just harness that energy"?

Well that's what Trevor Field did after seeing a merry-go-round attached to a water pump at an agricultural fair in Johannesburg, South Africa. He built on the concept and with a business partner organized a private company called Roundabout Outdoor to install the updated version of the PlayPump.

As you can see from the diagram it's a simple concept: children playing on the merry-go-round act as a pump for underground water, forcing it up through piping to a storage tank. Because of his advertising background Field saw the opportunity to include four large billboards on which he could put advertising and public service messages. The advertisers paying for the space would offset the costs of installing the pumps.

So far over 1,000 of these pumps have been installed in South Africa, Lesotho, Mozambique, Swaziland, and Zambia, providing clean fresh drinking water for hundreds of people who otherwise would not have such a luxury.

To find out more (and donate if you want to!) check out their website at <http://www.playpumps.org>. Isn't it just amazing that such a simple idea could prove so important??



Nancy McGarvey



Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.....

The Pledge of Time and Talent (*Copies of the Ministries Book are available online or in the Narthex*)

Now, having read through the various opportunities to share your gifts with the congregation, the community, and the world, take a moment to reflect on these questions:

- What are you passionate about? (What excites you?)
- What are your hobbies?
- What do you do for a living? Where do you go to school?

With the answers to these questions in mind, I'm offering my time and talent to participate in the following ministries:

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My name: _____ My phone number: _____

My email address: _____

I realize I'll be contacted shortly by the leader for these ministries so I can get started!

Youth Activities 2008-2009



Explore your faith. Live your faith.

Trinity Youth Group is a weekly youth group for teens in 7th-12th grade.

Every Sunday night from 6:00-8:00pm teens gather for music, games, group building activities, time to hang out, snacks/dinner, devotions, and prayer. Service and mission opportunities, along with retreat and trips, are offered throughout the year.

Trinity's Youth Group is about being in community, connecting with others, and encouraging one another in faith. It's about strengthening our walk with Christ by having an intentional relationship with God and one another.

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.

Check out our youth calendar on the Trinity Website under Youth Activities to find out what we are doing! There are many exciting events and opportunities for your weekly or occasional participation. We invite you to explore and live your faith within this encouraging community as we



seek to spread God's hope in the world. All are welcome so feel free to bring a friend or two.

We are blessed to have many wonderful volunteers who make this group a success on a weekly basis and help to mentor our teens. We are continuing to grow and are hoping to introduce other weekly opportunities such as homework help and Student Seekers Bible Study. If you are interested in helping in some way please feel free to contact Kelly Rupprecht.

Hope to see you there! God Bless!
Kelly Rupprecht

A PLAN FOR OUR PARISH LIFE

2008-2011



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We are a community of Christian people seeking to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Have you picked up your copy ?

Big changes are happening here at Trinity! Find out about them by picking up your copy of "A Plan For Our Parish Life."

Copies are in the Narthex, or available on line at www.trinityambler.com



NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



National Breast
Cancer Awareness
Month

Over two decades of building
breast cancer awareness and
hope for future generations.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!

Please wear pink on
October 19.

Donations will be
collected that day for
Abington Rosenfeld
Cancer Center.

2008 Trinity Rummage Sale

It's time to clean out your closets, basements, toy rooms, attics and garages! Bring any and all of your personal treasures to Trinity for the Rummage Sale. Help Trinity's Outreach Committee help others. Please donate your valuables to the Trinity Rummage Sale. Donations will be accepted as of Saturday, October 11 at the church. The dates are as follows:

- Parish Hall Set-up: Saturday, October 11: 10:00am – 1:00pm.
- Daily Set-up / Pricing: Sunday, Oct. 12- Thursday, Oct. 16 (9am-9pm anytime).
- The Wine and Cheese Preview Gathering: Friday, October 17: 7:00pm-9:00pm.
- Public Rummage Sale: Saturday, October 18: 8:00am – 3:00pm.
- Parish Hall Final Clean-out: following sale 3:00pm – 8:00pm.

Please contact Piers Prater with any questions.

Phone: (215) 661-0617

Email: prater94@msn.com

Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed: If you have the ability to do anything, there is a spot for you to assist with this event! We need your help with any of the following: setting-up, sorting, taking money, bagging, selling baked goods and food items, monitoring the sales floor and assisting with the final clean-up of everything that does not sell. A list of needs (aka schedule) will be posted in the narthex for all to sign-up on. If you cannot physically assist with the event, we also need: wine and cheese, appetizers, fruit trays, baked-goods, sales bags, large trashcan liners and paper good donations for the sale.



MISSION: POSSIBLE 2008 – TRINITY TRAVELS TO SARASOTA

Summer is a special time of year for many teenagers. With school finally over, it's time to relax, head to the shore, spend time with friends, or beat the heat at the pool. But for a motivated group of Trinity teens, it was a time to make a difference in the community of Sarasota, Florida.

...but we had to get out of the airport first!

Traveling always seems to be part of the fun for a Mission Trip, especially when the trip takes longer than expected. It's not like this group has never been lost (see West Virginia and New York trips) or had to wait in a long line at an airport (see previous Florida trip). And usually, the wait is a great time for a game of hearts, a quick nap, or simply enjoying the company of group. However, after 12 hours in the Philadelphia International Airport, we were ready to get going.

After finally landing, we still had a nice hour-long drive to St. Margaret of Scotland Episcopal Church. Incredibly, Jackie Hartley was waiting for us at four in the morning. Jackie, a veteran of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, is the Director of Youth and Family Ministries at St. Margaret's. She was a terrific host for us, making sure we were comfortable for the duration of our stay.

Needless to say, we were tired. After getting some much-needed sleep, we headed out on Saturday morning to work a few hours with Habitat for Humanity. That night, we had the chance to travel to Tampa to see a Rays baseball game – a walk-off win for the home team! It was time for church the following morning, and Reverend Everett P. Walk ("Rev. Ev") graciously welcomed our group during services. Following services, we spent the afternoon cleaning weeds a national park.

The remaining four days of work brought us to Catholic Charities in Arcadia, Florida. Arcadia is a small town in which the main industry is fruit-picking, mainly oranges during the summer. Migrant farm workers travel the region according to where work is available. They also travel to North Carolina and even as far as Minnesota during different picking seasons. This constant traveling leads to living in desolate trailers with up to 50 other people. Unfortunately, the combination of a very low-paying job and poor living conditions directly affects the lives of the children in these communities.





MISSION: POSSIBLE+



Our ministry was running a camp for the children of the farm workers. We were fortunate enough to have about 60 kids ranging from age 4 to 15 with us for four days. Each day at camp included a lot of sports, arts and crafts, snack time, lunch, movies, and games. However, the events of the day were almost irrelevant in comparison to the relationships we developed with the kids. As the week progressed, the children became increasingly excited to see us arrive and wanted to play right away.

As we reflected on our experiences on our last night in Sarasota, we remembered part of Rev. Ev's sermon on Sunday. The Reverend spoke of the unconditional love of Jesus, once comparing it to the relationship between mother and newborn. Our teens grew through experience during our week in Florida, quickly learning about the love that Jesus taught during their time with the wonderful children of Arcadia. It was hard to not be emotional as we left the kids with hugs and lasting memories.

We were so blessed throughout our week in Florida – parishioners from St. Margaret's brought dinner for everyone each night, we had great side-trips to a state park, a swim in the Gulf of Mexico, and a free dinner our last night at a restaurant on the bay. Surprisingly, our return trip to Ambler came off without incident, a welcomed change from our first day. We were very privileged to work with the children in Arcadia, and we look forward to our next challenge on Mission: Possible 2009.

-Dennis Reid Jr.

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Marriage:

Sarah Black & Aaron Sathre on June 14, 2008
Ralph Keith & Colleen Kirschen on June 14, 2008

Receptions:

Veronica & Joseph Grogan on February 3, 2008
Stephen Chester on February 3, 2008
Emily Grecco on June 8, 2008

Deaths:


Suzy Maynard on February 6, 2008

Transfers In:

Theodore Olson from All Saints' Episcopal, Rehoboth Beach, DE on February 4, 2008
Ralph Keith from Goshen Cumberland Episcopal Church, Winchester, TN on February 8, 2008
Colleen Kirschen from Trinity Episcopal Church, Winchester, TN on March 3, 2008
Virginia Nelson from Trinity Episcopal Church, Hampstead, NC on March 2, 2008
Kimberly Anne Perry from St. Paul's, Elkins Park, PA on March 25, 2008
Elizabeth Wendt from St. Thomas' Church, Whitmarsh on April 14, 2008
Eric Hahn from Faith Alliance Church, Pitman, NJ on May 9, 2008
Carin Alcorn from Nevil Memorial, Ardmore, PA on May 30, 2008
Molly & Matthew McNichol from St. James, Bristol PA on August 21, 2008
Phillip & Andrew Ortego from St. James, Bristol PA on August 21, 2008

Transfer Out:

Donald Davis to Christ Church, Pottstown, PA. On February 19, 2008



Parent Resource Library: A new system for borrowing books is now in place. Please complete the card in the back of the books and place the card in the box of Addie Johnson, just above the library shelf. Kindly print your name and the date on the card. There are many books that are helpful to parents and youngsters especially at the beginning of the school year. Kindly return books within a three week period. We appreciate having books currently on loan returned within the next two weeks for others to use. Thank you for your participation.