



Fall 2006

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

A Letter from the Rector...

Dear Ones,

New “COME AS YOU ARE” Service Begins Sunday, September 17th!

Plans for a third Sunday service are being received with great enthusiasm. A third Sunday worship service that is very different in form from Trinity’s 8 and 10 a.m. services begins on Sunday September 17 at 5 p.m. The third service is part of Trinity’s strategic plan and is being added so that we might:

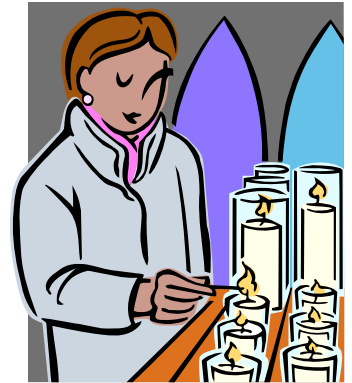
- ✚ Respond to hectic busy schedules of our members and people in the community by providing an alternate worship time to Sunday mornings
- ✚ Provide a less formal more interactive style of worship
- ✚ Reach out to young adults in our area
- ✚ Have a venue for more contemporary music

The service will be held in the parish hall so that seating will allow for more interaction and intimacy. The plan is to have only a Gospel reading that will then be discussed rather than only listening to a sermon. Communion will be celebrated using forms from “Enriching Our Worship” an alternate prayer book for the Episcopal Church.

Hope to see you there!

Fondly,

Fr. Dave



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Grounds Clean Up

*The Bishop is Coming!
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Confirmation is Sunday October 8th and we really need help sprucing up the grounds for his visit. Please help us right after church an hour or two on Sunday October 1st!

(Rain date is Saturday October 7th at 9:00 am)

We REALLY need your help!

Please call:
Scotti Kershner (215) 643- 7329,
Laura Gergen (215) 542-7997,
or Missy Leinbach (215) 628-3558
to sign up



Trinity Pastoral Care Corner

Addie M. Johnson

The Pastoral Care Umbrella offers the following workshop:

Creating a Vision, Shaping a Legacy *A Workshop for Couples*

We know that wealth is measured in many ways other than financially. Couples vary widely in the scope and depth of discussions that help shape a vision with a rich and enduring quality. Through presentation, discussion and experiential learning, John and Kathy Guerin will facilitate a workshop whose aim is to help couples improve those discussions, to improve life and relationship satisfaction, to create a vision and lasting legacy, and to share wealth with our loved ones and our communities.



These workshops will be available during October and November 2006; sign-up sheets will be posted in the narthex. Last year's participants found these sessions very rewarding.

2006 Carnival Review, and Looking Ahead: by John Dziel



To say this year was our most challenging yet would be an understatement! Still, despite massive storms that closed us on two days and kept attendance low on the other two, we managed to net \$14,000! This figure includes expenses that were incurred when the heavy rains collapsed four of our tents, three of which were unsalvageable. It is amazing to look at the numbers and see that we gave last years' figures a run for the money. One area even beat those figures!

We followed up with a review meeting later in the month. There are several issues which we will be addressing next year. The biggest is upgrading the security. There have been some problems in a local school district that spilled onto our grounds. To keep the carnival safe, we have to address this.

At Fr. Dave's insistence, Sandi and I are retiring after twelve years of running the Fair and Carnival. His belief is that twelve years is simply too long. Also, there is a natural problem in keeping the logistics of the carnival out of the office where it interferes with church business. Currently, we are looking for someone to feel the call and come forward as the new Chair or Chairs. All of the duties for the chair are carefully outlined in a "Carnival Manual." The job may seem overwhelming, but as long as the timeline is followed, it is actually an orderly and manageable process.

Michael and Jill Marsceill will also be retiring as the Chairs for Pete's Grill. A change in Mike's employment will prohibit him from being able to run the Grill next year. Like the Carnival itself, Pete's Grill has also become a well organized and documented event. Again, if you love to cook, this is a wonderful opportunity to run a restaurant for a week!

As Sandi has often said, "The Carnival is the hardest job you will Love to do!" Both of us have enjoyed our time as Chairs, and wish the brightest and best for the future of the Trinity Carnival!



Pictures from the 2006 Carnival

3rd Annual Trinity Hacker's Open

May 20, 2006

On Saturday May 20th, fifteen golfers took to the fairways of the Mainland Golf Club in search of the 3rd Annual Trinity Hacker's Open championship. The event was played in near ideal weather conditions; a far cry from the extreme heat experienced over the first two years of the tournament. During the day many of the Trinity golfers experienced the ups and downs common to the typical "weekend golfer" set, however at day's end a champion was crowned. Much to their dismay, the team headed by Dave Manchester was unable to defend their title, giving up the crown to Team Gergen. The Gergen team, while slightly handicapped by having to play as a threesome, was able to post the winning score of one under par 69 in the scramble format. Team members included Rob and his sons Brit and Trevor. On a card match, the team of Karen Reid, Dennis Reid, Dennis Reid Jr, and Roy Irvin took second place, with an even par score of 70. Dave Manchester, Art Hayes, Steve Brown, and Bob McGann were third with a score of 70. John Dively and his son, along with Brian Phillips and Mike Duricko finished in fourth place with a score of 72. Bob McGann and Mike Duricko won individual skills competitions for closest to the pin and long drive respectively.



While the Hacker's Outing is organized to provide a parish fellowship opportunity, the proceeds from the event are donated to the Trinity Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund, utilized by the Trinity Scholarship Committee, enables the provision of financial grants to qualifying Trinity high school seniors. Proceeds from the 3rd Hacker's Open amounted to \$690.

While a small amount of the players' entrance fees contribute to the event proceeds, our event sponsors are the primary reason we have attained financial success. A special thanks goes to this year's tournament sponsors that include John & Mary Tralie, Dave & Anne Canan, The Gergen Family, Roy Irvin, and Al Mathis. Also contributing to the event's financial success were our hole sponsors, The Reid Family, Bob McGann, David Manchester, Dick North, and Cheryl Bayard. Finally, all of the Hacker's Open players would like to extend a large "Thanks" to the Gergen family for the use of their "estate" for the post golf party and awards ceremony.

We are always looking for more players, so if you think you can field a team – team members don't have to be Trinity members, or you want to sign up as an individual, just let us know and we'll keep you in mind for next spring's event. By the way, rumor has it that Father Dave has dusted off his clubs and is getting ready to join us for the 4th Annual Hacker's Open in 2007.



Behind the Scenes: Mission & Outreach

By Ed Mahler

Behind The Scenes – Mission & Outreach

Mission & Outreach is one of the major activities of our church. Our services and outreach are extensive and include the following: Mission Possible – Our senior youth trip to West Virginia this year; Our Summer Service Camp – Middle school youth to Chester one week in August; the Community Cupboard which we support both by food collection and financially; Our Inter Faith Ambler involvement where we give financial support and act as host Parrish each April for the Hospitality Network; the Delaware County Housing Coalition receives financial support from us; our Real Men Cook program where our men prepare frozen meals and soups for Aids For Friends in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties; our annual Angel Christmas Tree for ECS; the Delaware County Housing Coalition which we support financially and participate in an annual work day; the Lutheran Children Family Services Program where we help Refugee family transition into American life.

In addition, with the proceeds from our annual Carnival we are able to provide financial support to worthy organizations chosen by a committee of ten members of our congregation along with Father Dave. This year's recipients were: Five Talents International; Episcopal Community Services; the Diocese of Mississippi; Jenny Gregg, our seminarian; the Silver Spring Martin Luther Lunch Program and MWAMBA where we provide scholarships in Kenya for two homeless single girls and one homeless boy.



Pictures from The Daughters of the King

Left: The Summer Luncheon on June 24th. They had a morning prayer service and then lunch.



Right: The July 9th installation of new Daughters. New members: Karyn Jean Dickoff, Mollie Wilson and Barbara Junginer.



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

Radical Welcome By Jane Saunders

This past spring the stewardship team traveled to a conference for congregational development and stewardship. There were many interesting workshops that we attended. One in particular stood out. It was given by the Rev. Stephanie Spellers from the Diocese of Massachusetts. Her topic was on a concept called Radical Welcome.

What is Radical Welcome? It is God's grace filled embrace of all creation. It is Trinity's mission statement to love God with all our hearts and minds and to love our neighbor as ourselves, and practicing what we preach. It is to follow Jesus wherever he may lead. Radical Welcome is the spiritual practice of embracing the presence, the gifts, the voices, and the power of silenced, closeted and/or oppressed people on the margins of our congregation. It is also a willingness to allow these fresh voices and perspectives to join with trusted traditions in shaping our church's mission, identity, worship, ministries and leadership over time.

Rev. Spellers spent three years conducting more than 200 conversations with Episcopalians and other faithful people across the country. The people and churches that were the most spiritually fulfilled were ones that unknowingly practiced radical welcome.

One example that she used was a church in a very affluent suburb in Atlanta. The congregation discussed what they wanted their mission and outreach to be. After much talk it was decided they wanted to help people that made them feel uncomfortable, namely the homeless. They hoped that reaching out to the homeless would not only help those in need but also help themselves in facing their own fears. The parishioners knew they wanted to not only help the homeless with basic support, but they also wanted to house them. Where to begin? They had a church about the physical size of ours. Most people would immediately say that the limitations of their building should have vetoed that plan immediately. However this church knew what their mission needed to be. So they converted their parish hall so the walls had cabinets and drawers that the homeless could use for their possessions. Each Sunday everything would be put into the cabinets and locked up, and then the parishioners would use the hall for their own events. During the week the homeless would use it.

There was also another kink in their plan. They had no homeless people in their immediate area. So they decided they would have to go where the problem was. The parishioners went and brought the people back to their church to help.

What an inspiring mission! This church decided what they wanted to do, and even though they encountered obstacles along the way, they allowed nothing to stop them from their goal. They pushed aside their fears to help others.

There were plenty of other examples that the Rev. Spellers used. All involved parishioners overcoming their fears and reaching out beyond their comfort zone to help others.

The Reverend talked about the "F" word. Fear. Fear is what stops a lot of us from starting something. For a congregation it could be: the fear of losing our comfort zone, the fear of losing a venerable tradition, the fear of losing a community's cultural and social identity, the fear of raising hopes and then being disappointed, the fear of incurring a backlash, the fear of foreign cultures, the fear of letting go of control, and the fear of facing our own prejudice.

After the workshop, the stewardship team had a lively discussion about how we could be radically welcome at Trinity. How could each group in our church reach out to others. What made us personally uncomfortable and what we thought would make our parishioners uncomfortable. How addressing that fear could in turn help people living on the fringe of our congregation.

So I challenge all of us to be radically welcome. Ask yourself these questions:

How do I imagine the dream (or mission) of God for the world and for the church?

How is God asking our congregation to partner with God to fulfill that dream?

How would our congregation look, and what ministries, activities, and worship would we be engaged in, if we partnered with God in this way?

Use your answers as a starting point for discussions at Trinity. How can we as a congregation be radically welcome?



2006 Episcopal Youth Mission Trip

Mission: Possible: 2006!

**to Man West Virginia
June 25 to June 30**

Travel: Sunday June 25

Work: Monday through Thursday June 26,27,28,29 (They have 4 day work weeks)

Play: *"Everyday is a Play Day when you are with me"*

- Fr. Dave Canan 6/22/06

Travel: June 30

Celebrate at Trinity 10 a.m. service July 2

Host: McDowell Mission

Work Location: Man, West Virginia, Logan County



For complete write-up and picture collection, please see the Youth Activities Section on Trinityambler.com

Trinity Fall Rummage Sale:

It's that time of year again for everyone to begin cleaning out your storage areas to help Trinity help others. This annual event will again be starting with a Wine and Cheese Presale Extravaganza on **Friday October 20, 7:30pm – 9:00pm** featuring fine food and wine with live musical entertainment for Trinity friends and family. Then on **Saturday, October 21 the doors will be open from 9:00am to 5:00pm** for the general public. Donuts and coffee will be available in the morning with hot dogs, chips and soda for sale in the afternoon. Clean-up will start immediately upon the closing of the doors at the end of the day.

We will begin accepting donations starting Saturday, October 14 in the Parish Hall. For this great sale we accept anything that is clean and usable by others. These items can include clothes (that shrunk on you!), books, kitchenware, tools, and toys. We will even be accepting furniture on a limited basis. Any household items you wish to donate that others can benefit from will be allowed.



Of course for an event of this size, we need assistance to make it happen. We will need assistance in all areas: set-up/ display the week prior, organization of the Pre-sale Event, musical entertainment, food preparation, assistance on the day of the sale, and finally clean-up in the evening (after everything is sold!). A schedule to sign-up shall be posted in the narthex in the near future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Piers Prater or Vacante. We both look forward to your donations and assistance to make this Sale another magnificent event.





TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH YOUTH GROUP SUMMER Wrap-Up and AUTUMN Announcements!

Wow, where did the summer go? It felt like we had day after day of hot, humid weather that would never end. Family vacations, camp, summer jobs and other activities have kept us all busy and now September is right around the corner. It has been a good summer though and we have been blessed with fond memories and good times!

The Junior High and Senior High Youth Group met in combination with St. Thomas Church this summer and participated in a multitude of fun activities such as game nights, barbecues, manhunt adventures, and Photo Scavenger Hunts. The Youth involved definitely experienced the gift of Christian Friendship and Community.

SO WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE FALL?

Lately God has been whispering in my ear to get focused for the fall. We are already planning a BIG Rolling Overnight Retreat entitled: "WHOLLY ME" relating to God, Others, and Yourself, for the Senior High Youth Group (9-12th grade). The retreat will be held from Saturday, September 23 through Sunday, September 24th at Trinity Church. More details to come.

Regular Senior High School Meetings will be held during Confirmation Class every Sunday starting September 10th from 3:30-5pm until September 24th.

(High School Youth Group Meetings will be held after the Bishop's Visit on October 8th and will be every Sunday night at 6:30pm beginning October 15th.)

Junior High Students will meet every Sunday Morning at 9:45am-10:45am Beginning 9/10 for "SEARCH" (A Sunday School Group based on the needs of youth grades 6-8th) The purpose of this group will be to explore and challenge the life application of biblical principles in a dynamic and fun way.

The Junior High kids will also have a Fellowship Night on Friday September 15th from 6:30-8pm. Regular meeting times will be decided at the first Fellowship night.

We are also exploring a Drop-In Day for both Junior and Senior High students where youth are able to complete homework, socialize with peers, and check-in during the week after school. More details to come.

Both groups enjoy activities of fun, service and fellowship in a Christian setting, and are open to everyone regardless of church affiliation. Please checkout the Youth Activities Section of our website for fun facts, schedules, announcements and lots of other information: www.trinityambler.com. Hope to see you all soon!

Kelly Rupprecht, Youth Minister

Ministries Fair

Save the date!! Back by popular demand!!

The Second Annual Ministries Fair will be held on **Sunday, September 17, 2006**, before and after the 10:00 am service.

This is your chance to see all the ministries going on here at Trinity, ask questions, explore, and decide which ones will be most fulfilling for you, and make the most of your gifts.

Last year's Fair was a rousing success and this year's promises to be even better! So come on out, meet new friends, greet tried-and-true friends, sample the snacks, find out how you can make a difference in the parish, in the region.

See you there!!
Your Stewardship Team

Welcome, new friends, new faces!



Pat Lipps: Pat lived in Yardly as a nurses-aid. When her patient passed away, Pat and her dog moved to Lansdale. She was captivated when she heard Father Dave preach at a Nursing Home Ministries meeting! She works as a nurses aid three days a week and also enjoys crocheting and knitting among other craft activities. Welcome, Pat!

Mardi Vorcheimer: Mardi is from South Jersey and is now living in Ambler with her husband Eric and two children; her son Christian and daughter Devon. Eric is a guidance counselor at Abington High School and Mardi teaches 10th grade English at Harriton High School in Lower Merion. Welcome Mardi and family!

Wes, Tania and Sofia Talman: The Talmans moved to Ft.Washington from Colorado last fall when Tania was transferred here by her employer, Merck Pharmaceuticals. She works in the Marketing department there, and Wes works in sales for a Chicago-based company, Scoutware. Sofia, just a year and a half was baptized at Trinity in June. The family enjoys outdoor activities such as skiing, camping, hiking, biking and traveling. Welcome Talman Family!

Barr & Julie and Matthew Soltis: Both Barr and Julie come from New Jersey. It was their son, Mathew, whose search for religion brought the three of them to Trinity Ambler. Barr is employed by the U.S. Department of Justice and Julie is self-employed and is also pursuing a nursing degree at Montgomery Community College. Matt is about to enter 8th grade at Wissahickon and in a few months will be baptized and have his faith confirmed. Barr's hobbies include cooking and hunting. Welcome Soltis Family!



The Soltis Family

If you are a newcomer to Trinity Ambler, we want to feature you here! Please see Eddie Black, or fill out a "Wish Card", found in the pews in the church.

Church School by Carole Allsop

We are busy gearing up for another Church School year. Please note the following changes to the classes and times beginning September 10, 2006:



Godly Play ages 4 thru 1st grade (note age change) classes begin at 9:45am

Advanced Godly Play 2nd thru 5th grade class begins at 9:45am. Please note grade change.

Jr. High Students "SEARCH" Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.

- ✚ All the children will come into Church during the Peace to join their parents.
- ✚ We are hoping that the above changes will allow the children to attend class on a regular basis, (we know children who are Acolytes will not be in class on the Sundays they are scheduled), and allow for time to get older children back to Church on a Sunday evening. Any questions please call Carole Allsop.
- ✚ There will be a Church School Open House after Church on Sunday September 10th.
- ✚ The Ministries Fair is Sunday September 17th, please stop by our table and talk to our teachers and view the teaching materials and of course, enjoy our snacks!
- ✚ The children will continue to sing on the first Sunday of the month, beginning in October.
- ✚ The Christmas Pageant will be held on Sunday December 17th. Christmas Eve and Advent 4 are on the same day this year. Practice will begin on Sunday November 26th. This will again be an inter-generational presentation.

If you are interested in helping with our program, we really need door-keepers, a non-teaching but essential part of our Godly Play program. Please contact Carole Allsop.



Thank you to **Jerry Snyder and Steve Chester** for painting the Rectory porches!! They look great!

Thank you to **Missy Leinbach, Skip and Scotti Kershner, Barbara Junginger, the Gergen family, Piers Prater and Carol Szwajkos** for their help weeding, seeding, and mulching.

Thanks to **Missy Leinbach** for cleaning out and inventorying the shed.

Thanks to **David Manchester** for the first Parish Hall drain retrofit. Looking forward to many more!!

Thanks to **Pam Guzzie** for coordinating for the disposal of brush and saplings and fallen limbs from the grounds after the big storm!

Thanks to **John Dziel, David Manchester, Jerry Snyder, and Missy Leinbach** for building the scaffolding in the Narthex.

Between now and the kickoff of the new church season on September 17, the Property committee has a lot of work to do and we'd love more help!! We plan on replacing burned out lights and discolored ceiling tiles in the Narthex. We also have painting plans in the Narthex and hallway to freshen up those areas. When the drain work is completed on the Parish Hall roof, we will be repairing walls and painting the Parish Hall as well. If anyone feels comfortable up on a scaffold or would be willing to stay on the ground and assist a climber, we would love your help--contact Piers Prater or Laura Gergen for the next workday. In addition, if you can recognize a weed from a flower, we could use your help weeding around the Sexton's cottage. We will be working at a variety of times over the next month so please don't hesitate to let us know when you are available.

Laura Gergen

The Memorial Garden



Just inside the wall at the north-east corner of the Church Yard is the Memorial Garden. Here we bury the cremains of our loved ones in a simple and dignified way.

The Episcopal Church has long included cremation as a burial choice. As we look at the opening sentences of the Book of Common Prayer Burial Office, we see, "*I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; and **though this body be destroyed**, yet shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold, and not as a stranger.*"

The garden area also includes two benches that provide family and friends a place to spend time for remembrance of the departed person.



Names of people interred in the Memorial Garden are engraved on a brass plate which are placed on the narthex Memorial

Blessed Saints

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The Collect for All Saints Day



Graves are marked by square stones engraved with the person's initials.



WORSHIP AT TRINITY

8:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays

9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays

7:00 p.m. on Thursday

*See calendar inside for
additional service times*

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Piers Prater, Property

Dennis Reid, Accounting Warden/Finance Committee

Jane Saunders, Rector's Warden

Milestones

Transfer In:

David, Inge, Peter & Astrid Hanes
from Emmanuel Church, Quaker-
town, PA on July 18th

Baptism:

Jake Martin Sparra, Sofia Craighill
Talman, Ella Catherine Pritz
baptized on Pentecost Sunday,
June 4th

Hannah Rose Mooers baptized on
July 2nd

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

Invites All Women to Join them for their
2nd Annual Women's Retreat

Theme: Prayer

Retreat Leaders: Sr. Margo & Fr. David Canan

Dates: Oct. 13 – 15, 2006

Place: St. Marguerite's Retreat House, Menham, NJ

Cost: ~ \$120.00

Deposit of \$25.00 is due by June 1st with Balance due by September
10th (No refunds after September 1st)

(Cost includes Single Room and all meals ~ beginning with dinner on
Friday thru Lunch on Sunday)

Space is limited to 26 participants. For more information call Carol
Szwajkos (215) 641-0307 or Anne Canan (215) 646-5350

Please Sign-up on Sheet on Bulletin Board in the narthex.
All checks should be made payable to Trinity Church. Mail to: DOK ~
Retreat c/o Trinity Church, 708 South Bethlehem Pike
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