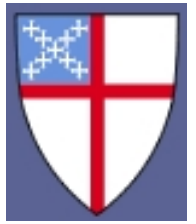


Fall 2010

*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

## Visit and Concert by Czech Republic's 'Viola'



Our congregation recently opened its church and its collective heart to welcome a group of school children visiting America for the first time. 'Viola', a choir of 35 children from grades 3 through 11, had been in existence for over 40 years, performing across Europe from its base in Žamberk, Czech Republic, it but had never performed in America. The opportunity to come to America came through the Moravian Church, which had its roots in Žamberk. The Pennsylvania town of Lititz was founded by members of the Moravian Church in 1756, leading one of its church groups to initiate contact with Viola and to help arrange a tour of New York City, Ambler, Washington, D.C., and Lititz. Our local connection was through an area resident who sang in the choir as a child. She contacted our local Czech and Slovak Heritage Association for help in bringing the choir to Ambler. As with the annual Saint Nicholas party and Easter egg decorating, our church leadership generously helped the CSHA and the visiting children, offering a place to sleep, cook, eat, and sing.

'Viola' sang for us at our 10:00 service on September 12<sup>th</sup>, performing 'Joshua fit the Battle of Jericho', 'Amazing Grace' and 'Michael Row the Boat Ashore'.

Our congregation enjoyed the sweet sound of children's voices, and gave them a warm welcome. Our visitors were delighted to join us at our church picnic, joining in the fun by contributing apple strudel and other goodies. In the evening, Trinity hosted a concert for the general public. The children sang, danced, and played flutes and violins. The program included a range of Bohemian and Moravian folk music, pieces by Bach, Ryba, Dvořak, and Smetana, a few popular or show tunes, and the always joyful African folk song Siyahamba. Attending the concert, were members of our congregation, visitors from Ambler, and members of the Czech and Slovak immigrant communities.

'Viola' members and chaperones expressed great appreciation for the welcome and support they received from Trinity. For some of them, experiencing the warmth of a congregation like ours was an unexpected pleasure, since they don't attend church or find their home church rather formal. It was nice to see such a positive reflection of the work we do in Christ's name.

## RUMMAGE SALE: NOTE NEW DATES!

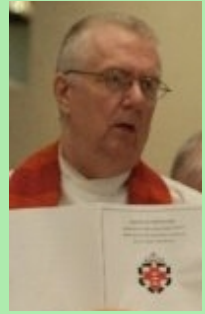
The wine & cheese presale will be on Friday, November 5 from 7-9 p.m. and the sale will be on Saturday, November 6 from 8-3. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex. Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall beginning on October 29.



Dear Friends:

I do not want to play church. I want to be church.

Churches are communities that worship a living God, care for each other and serve God's people everywhere. Churches, the people, not the buildings, make a difference: in their members' lives, in their neighborhood, and in the world.



Churches are the body of Christ: the heart, eyes, hands, and feet of Jesus in the world today. We are God's chosen means of making the love and grace of God real, today, right now!

On Sunday, October 3, at 9 a.m., we are meeting in the parish hall to unleash the interests, talents, and passions of this congregation. By doing so, we will be setting loose the power of God around us! We are hoping that we will look back on that morning as the day our mission of loving God, neighbor, and self came alive in amazing and unexpected ways!

This is when we will kick off ***TAG Teams*** at Trinity. ***TAG= Trinity Action Groups.***  
**What are *TAG Teams*?**

- They are built around shared gifts, interests and passions;
- Meet regularly, at least once per month, probably in members' homes;
- Are open to people of all ages, who need not necessarily be current active members of Trinity;
- Meet on a day and time established by the group at the initial October 3 gathering.

**We are starting *TAG Teams* because:**

- Trinity folks like being together in small groups;
- This is how churches our size care for one another;
- We want to make a difference, in our neighborhood, region and even the world.

On another page you will find a list and description of proposed ***TAG Teams***. Perhaps you have a passion or interest we have not included; we can add it to the list! If you have any thoughts, questions, or ideas about these ***TAG Teams*** I really want to talk with you! If you do not feel like your gifts, interests, or passions are represented in these groups, tell me that as well.

I am fired up and ready to roll,

Fr. Dave



## TAG TEAMS

**Visual Arts:** Gathering painters, drawers, photographers, graffiti artists, calligraphers, quilters, sewers and knitters and other crafters. These people might find ways to improve the visual appeal of our publications. They might use their gifts to create outward and visual signs of God's presence in our lives (prayer shawls, quilts, etc).

**Writers, Performing Arts, and Music:** Playwrights, poets, short story writers, actors, directors, singers, and instrumentalists. These folks might develop a special liturgy with special music for Trinity Church. They might join with a ministry like Chester Eastside, to use the dramatic arts as a way of bringing hope and meaning to the lives of urban youth.

**Homelessness and Hunger:** Brings together those who care about the issue locally and globally and want to do something about it. We already are associated with Inter-Faith housing, the Community Cupboard, and Aid for Friends. People who are passionate about these issues might come up with ways to deepen the parish's understanding of the issues around hunger and homelessness and may find ways to increase involvement and ministry to the effected.

**A youth drop in center:** Those who love and care about youth, or who are youth, might find the ways and means for serving not only youth at Trinity but young people at risk in our area, the region, and the world. We might visit and work with young people in Africa or Chester or raise up a drop in center for kids in Ambler.

**Family:** Families gathered together for fun and food might also discover shared concerns for families and discern ways to help Trinity church support and encourage families.

**International Mission.** Trinity Church has a relationship with three African ministries: Mwamba, Sega, and Bokamoso. Some of our members have done mission work in a variety of places around the world. Experiences of serving in these drastically different places make us grateful for what we have, give us ways to serve and make incredible differences in the lives of God's people, and change us forever.

**Environmental Issues.** The creation story says that God has made us stewards of God's creation. Such a group might work together to teach us all about the spirituality of the environment and find hands on practical ways for Trinity Church to be better stewards of the environment.



## What does it mean?

Language of the liturgy that is repeated week after week can both comfort and hinder the spiritual life. Comfort comes in the spoken routine. We have become accustomed to knowing the tradition-filled prose that has been vocalized in worship over many years. Familiar, ritual words become etched on our hearts and minds. Hindrance arises when the words become so familiar that they lose power to affect our hearts and minds with the breadth and depth of beauty and strength that characterizes our relationship to the divine.



Rummaging through an old folder, I discovered a reflection entitled "Praying The Baptismal Covenant" –offering the questions of the Baptismal Covenant found in the Book of Common Prayer along with prayerful responses that invite a broader depth of meaning in what it means to be a baptized person of faith.

### **Do you believe in God the Father, in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and in God the Holy Spirit?**

. . . it's one thing to say the creed, but another to put my trust in you. Help me to live with the assurance that you are the Father and that nothing can separate me from your love, trusting in your forgiveness expressed in Jesus and looking to your spirit to make me your person.

### **Will you continue in the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers?**

. . . I know I was not meant to go it alone because you created the church to be a supportive family for your children. And I know the church is made up of people like me – so it isn't perfect. Help me to play my part in the church, so I can learn from the teaching, be encouraged by the fellowship, be renewed in the Eucharist, and find strength for living each day through prayer.

### **Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?**

. . . you understand that sometimes I do things I never intended to do. My sorrow doesn't put it all right. Neither can I use my weakness as an excuse. Help me to begin anew, to experience your forgiveness and to walk again in Jesus' way.

### **Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?**

. . . help me to live the way Jesus called me to live. May my actions speak louder than my words of your love and of new life in Jesus? At the same time, help me rise above my own stumbling speech and give me the words to express what I believe. Let me be a witness to the Truth.

### **Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as yourself?**

. . . all too often I have looked at people in a very superficial way. Help me begin to see them with your eyes, knowing that every person is created in your image, as your child. If Jesus died for that person, how can I despise him? Give me a new love that reaches out to everyone because Jesus died for all.

### **Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?**

. . . I don't want my attitudes to be shaped by the injustices that mar society, by the discrimination, greed and lust that spoil relationships. In Jesus color does not count, wealth carries no weight, and gender is not important. Help me to live in Jesus, to see people through his eyes and work for the harmony that reflects your kingdom.

May your relationship with the divine that has been sealed through baptism, be enlivened and renewed from this day forward.

With Christ, In Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit,  
Mary

# Cursillo

*“. . . But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And His gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ . . .” Ephesians 4:7, 11-12*

**What is Cursillo?** Cursillo is a movement of the church. Its purpose is to help those in the church understand their individual callings to be Christian Leaders. The leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church environment. Leadership, in Cursillo, does not mean power over others, but influence on others; all of us need to be aware that we can exert a positive influence on those around us.

**What is the Goal of Cursillo?** The goal of Cursillo is the goal of the Church: to bring all to Christ. This is done when informed, trained leaders set out with the support of others having a similar commitment.

**What does Cursillo do?** It helps to renew and deepen Christian commitment. Cursillo is one of many renewal movements. Many people have said Cursillo provides an important learning experience which causes many to feel like newly made Christians with a purpose and with support.

**What is the Cursillo Movement About?** Cursillo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders (pre-Cursillo); He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision (Three-Day Weekend); He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him (Fourth Day).

**The Three-Day Weekend** A Cursillo weekend brings together a diverse group of Episcopalians to share the richness of many modes of worship and to broaden each one's appreciation for our Church. It is not intended to be a conversion experience but an enriching and deepening of what is already there. It often provides new insights into our faith as well as fostering ministry among lay people.

What happens on a weekend? Time is spent listening to talks and participating in discussions. Reflecting on values and goals as a Christian. Communing with God in prayer, both privately and with the entire community. Celebrating Christianity in joyful liturgies and song. Experiencing Christian love and community in many different ways.

You may have been told by some who have attended the weekend that they cannot tell you what Cursillo is all about or what goes on during a Three-day weekend. This is not correct. Everything that goes on during the weekend may be told to anyone. Cursillo literature is available to anyone who wishes to read or purchase the materials. Our next weekend will be held October 7-10, 2010.

**The Fourth Day** The Cursillo weekend is not an end to itself. It is a starting point that lasts the rest of your life. It is a springboard to a long-range practice of the Baptismal Covenant in the life of the Church called the Fourth Day. The Fourth Day is composed of three major elements: **The Group Reunion, The U-treya, and** Spiritual Direction.

For more information about the upcoming weekend, October 7 – 10, 2010, speak to one of Trinity's own 'Cursilloistas' or visit our website: [www.cursillodiopa.org](http://www.cursillodiopa.org).

## Deacon's Roundtable

Isaiah saw a vision as he was praying in the temple. The vision was a call from the Lord to minister to the Hebrew people. After much mental wrestling with God, Isaiah finally said, "Here am I, send me." (See Isaiah 6:1-8)

Isaiah was only one of thousands called from obscurity to serve God's purpose. Each of the persons called was and is a person of faith – those who have been involved in everyday routines of life and almost always a person of common stock – not necessarily one who is important or stands out.

Many say that being clergy is the only way to serve God and humankind. Not so! Every Christian has a vocation: This is to serve the Lord. God expects us to use the gifts we possess. By prayer and hard work we perfect these gifts, so that they can be used for His glory in the service of all humankind. The way we do this is different for each of us.

Do we listen for a call to some special work of God? Do we want to hear this calling? If we refuse to listen, we surely will never know true fulfillment. God is very persistent; he will not cease until we have accepted his demands. Why? Because we belong to God!

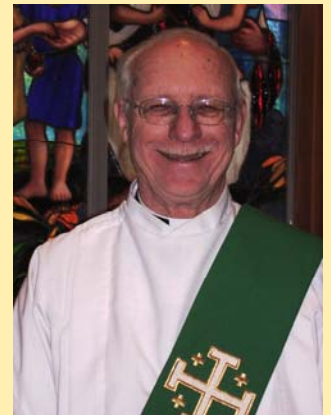
If we respond to God's wishes, God will see to it that we do not fail to accomplish God's will. God will always be with us. The church – this church – needs people who will bring God into everyday life through their work and reliance upon God in prayer.

Have you ever thought: What is God urging me to do with my life? God may be calling you for more special work that you have not even thought about yet.

Isaiah heard God ask: "Who can I send?" Isaiah put aside his own agenda, life, and reservations and answered: "Here am I, send me!"

God is asking each one of us this question today. How will we answer? God asks everyone for some answer. Our only true happiness is to accept the call and rely on God to remain with us and help us to do as well as we can. With God's grace, we will be amazed at how well we can do.

In Christ's Love,  
*Deacon Joe*



## Copper Penny Carrots

Serves: 16

2 pound bag of frozen sliced carrots

1 small green pepper, chopped

1 medium onion, cut into thin rings

1 can tomato soup

½ cup salad oil

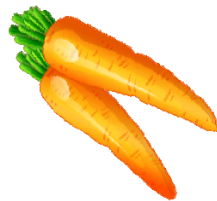
1 cup sugar

¾ cup vinegar

1 tsp. prepared mustard

1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Salt to taste



Cook carrots in salted water until tender.

Drain.

Layer carrots, green pepper and onion in deep bowl.

Blend soup, oil, sugar, vinegar, mustard, Worcestershire sauce and salt in a saucepan and heat.

Pour over vegetables while still warm.

Cover dish tightly with foil or in container with tight lid.

Refrigerate overnight or up to a week.

Remove carrots with slotted spoon and serve.

Preparing time: 30 minutes



# The Walkers Are Coming! The Walkers Are Coming!

In a little over 3 weeks . . . October 15th - 17th . . . the Philadelphia Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure will be taking place throughout our area. Philadelphia will indeed be covered in pink. Some carrying wings, others tutus...lots of water, bananas, and Gatorade. But all for the same reason - to end breast cancer. Thousands of women and men will be walking 60 miles in 3 days, each raising a minimum of \$2,300. Philadelphia has raised over 16 million since 2008.

One of Trinity's own, Kristin Woods, will also be hitting the pavement. "I am a 3-peat walker this year; I train 6 days a week walking a minimum of 47 miles + cross training." Some of you may see her walking the streets, parks, and yes, . Why? "My mom is a survivor; 14 years this November. Why am I walking? For all those who have passed through my life and are now unable to walk. Why am I walking? For all those who will come after me so they won't have to walk the walk and be able to say, "remember when . . ." to remind those who are fighting this devastating disease that they are not alone."



Kristin has raised over \$6,000. since 2008. "I have received checks, quarters, nickels, dimes, and yes, pennies. With each donation comes a name. In remembrance, honor, and hope. And I carry each name proudly on my back each with every step. And I will continue to carry them until my body says no more. believe that each donation is a way for others to 'walk the walk' with me."

Want to learn more or make a donation? Copy & paste this address to visit Kristin's personal web page.

[http://www.the3day.org/site/TR?px=1892476&pg=personal&fr\\_id=1468&et=Jcdfey2BnFhOp1vfTQTyjQ..&s\\_tafId=318610](http://www.the3day.org/site/TR?px=1892476&pg=personal&fr_id=1468&et=Jcdfey2BnFhOp1vfTQTyjQ..&s_tafId=318610)



*"We walk because we must. are strong because the journey demands it. in body and united in spirit, lay down our footsteps for this generation and the next. This is our promise: a world without breast cancer." - Susan G. Komen*

Net proceeds fund breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs, as well as the National Philanthropic Trust Breast Cancer Fund, to provide an endowment for breast cancer initiatives.

**Donations, prayers, and hugs -- your help is greatly appreciated!**

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### Marriages:

Caitlin Hayden & Ian Peck on July 17, 2010

### Baptisms:

Nathan Chang, Tracy Horne & Isla Purvis baptized on August 8, 2010.

### Deaths:

Eleanor Sypher and Jane Harvey died on September 4, 2010.

## An Update from the Accounting Warden

Now that we are entering the final quarter of our fiscal year, it is an opportune time to provide an update on the church's finances.

For the eight months ended August 31, 2010, we had collected 88% of our budgeted pledge income. As in prior years, we are hoping (and praying!) that the shortfall between the budgeted and collected amounts (approximately \$25,000 at the end of August) will be made up in the fourth quarter after parishioners receive their September 30 pledge statements and adjust their fourth quarter contributions accordingly.

Expenses were also below budget for the same period, primarily due to deferred property repairs and maintenance which are being undertaken later in the year than originally planned. There is also a seasonal impact from the summer hiatus for certain church programs that will reverse itself in the fall.

The 2011 budgeting process will begin shortly. The Finance Committee will be closely reviewing all expense areas to ensure the most efficient use of our resources, especially since we continue to tap into our investment reserves to fund church operations.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly A. Moylan